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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is generally believed here that the British Government will make a statement in the House of Commons to-day in regard to its attitude towards the question of a world economic and disarmament conference.

TALK OF A WORLD "PEACE" CONFERENCE, IN CONNECTION WITH A REVIVED INTEREST IN DISARMAMENT, IS, AS A RESULT OF THE LANSBURY-HITLER CONVERSATIONS, BEGINNING TO MONOPOLISE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.

ACCORDING TO THE "EVENING STANDARD" YESTERDAY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS KEEN THAT THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE SEIZED AND DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED.

With this end in view, says the paper, Government strongly approves the suggestion that the Disarmament Conference be postponed from May 6 to May 30, which would give Governments and politicians more time to study the situation afresh and give it more than merely formal importance.

It is also proposed, according to the journal, to lend support to the proposal of the countries signatory to the Oslo Convention that information on military expenditure should be exchanged.

Information in this sense is said to have already been communicated by the British Government to the United States "Ambassador-at-Large," Mr. Norman Davis, who is attending the Sugar Conference in London.

REPORTED TREND OF TALK

Confirmation of this is contained in to-day's "Manchester Guardian," which states that Mr. Davis held a lengthy conversation with the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Viscount Cranborne, at the Foreign Office yesterday.

Lord Cranborne told Mr. Davis that if budgetary information on armaments was exchanged between the nations, it would give Herr Hitler an opportunity to prove his sincerity when he stated he was ready to co-operate for world peace—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Taxicab Strike

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. SHANGHAI'S TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS, ALREADY COMPLICATED BY THE TRAMWAY STRIKE WHICH STILL DEFIES SOLUTION, HAVE NOW HAD ADDED TO THEM A TAXI STRIKE.

Three hundred chauffeurs of the Ford Hire Service, the company which operates the biggest fleet of taxicabs in Shanghai, abandoned work last night in protest against the dismissal of a driver who refused to apologise for defacing a notice announcing the punishment of a fellow driver.

The Company has agreed to reinstate the man as demanded provided he first apologises, but the strikers insist upon his unqualified re-engagement.

CARS MAROONED

Some of the drivers did more than go on strike. Eighty of them took their cars to the Civic Centre on the northern outskirts of the city, some seven miles from the central depot, and left them marooned there.

Meanwhile the Settlement tramway system is still paralysed. The Chinese authorities have issued a warning to workers against the declaration of strikes, which they describe as an obstacle to the development of industry, as well as a menace to peace and order.—Reuter.

Local Weather Forecast

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is centred over Manchuria and is extending southward and eastward. Pressure is relatively low over Indo-China, and a depression is moving north-eastward across the Eastern Sea. Local forecast:—E. and N. E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally, probably some rain.

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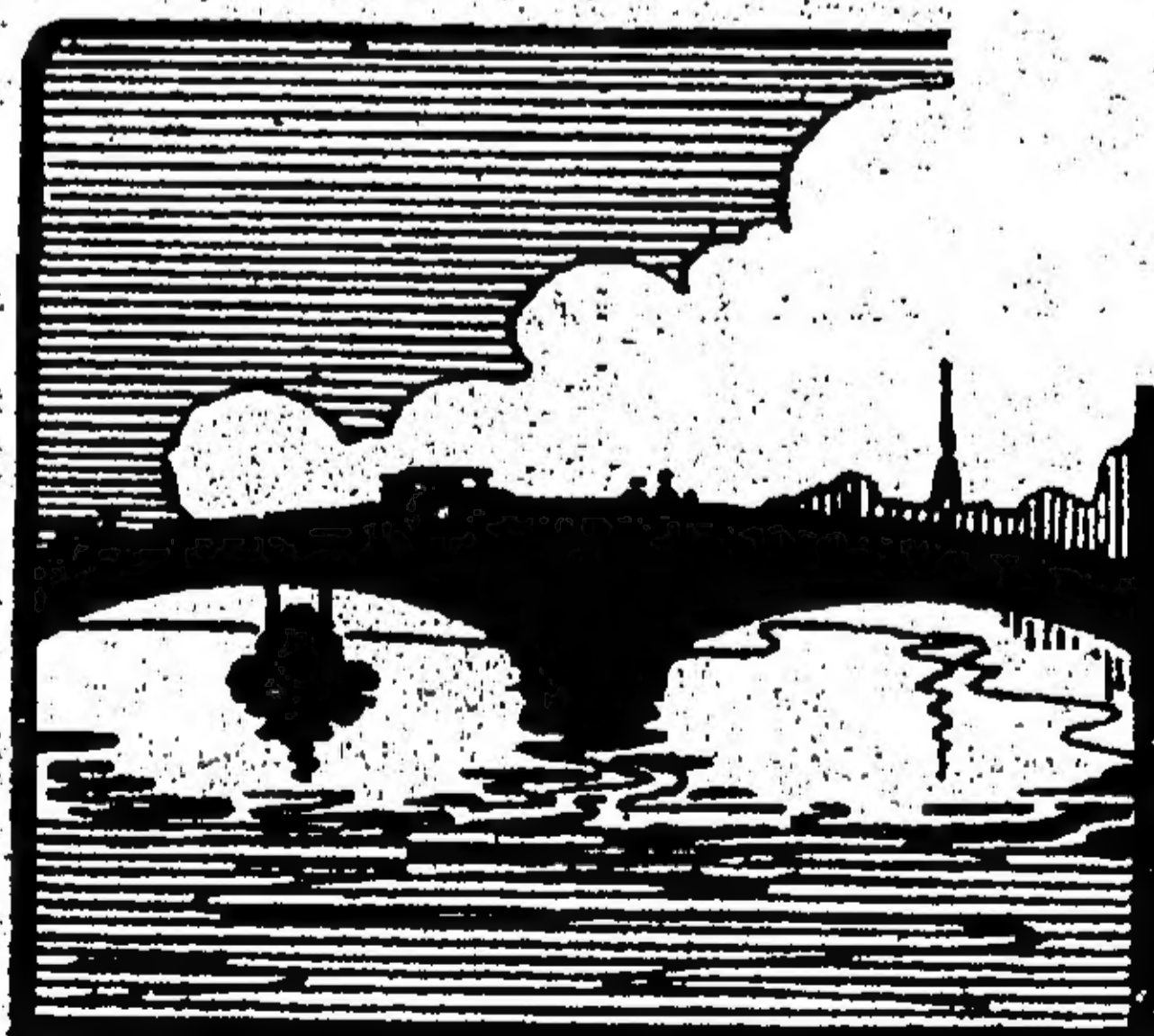
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The STORY of THE CROWN JEWELS by FRANK C. PAPE



WHILST AWAITING THE APPEARANCE OF THE LADIES BLOOD SUGGESTED HIS FRIENDS MIGHT VIEW THE CROWN JEWELS. OLD EDWARDS GLADLY CONDUCTED HIS GUESTS INTO THE TREASURE CHAMBER.

COLONEL BLOOD'S THEFT IN 1671
(CONTINUED)

IMMEDIATELY MR. EDWARDS RECEIVED A BLOW ON THE HEAD HE WAS GAGGED AND LEFT LYING ON THE FLOOR. EDWARDS WHO WAS ONLY STUNNED FEIGNED DEATH AND SAW WHAT HAPPENED.

ONE OF THE THIEVES HID THE ORB UNDER HIS CLOAK. THE OTHER TRIED TO FILE THE SCEPTRE IN HALF.



BLOOD CHOSE THE STATE CROWN WITH THE PRICELESS RUBY OF THE BLACK PRINCE. HE BATTERED IN THE ARCHES OF THE CROWN SO AS TO FIT INTO A BAG CONCEALED AMONG HIS CLOTHES.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON HIS BUDGET IMPORTANCE OF ARMAMENTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

JUSTIFICATION of the increases in the Budget was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a broadcast address yesterday evening.

The Chancellor declared that in spite of the importance of armaments, the social programme would not be neglected.

S.P.C. Flower Day

Sir,—We desire to thank the general public for the splendid support given to the Flower Day held on Saturday, April 17. This practical endorsement of the work of the Society is deeply appreciated and will encourage us in our activities on behalf of the poor and needy children of the Colony.

We desire also to express our sincere appreciation of the services rendered in connection with the Flower Day by the following: Mrs. Clark and Miss Samy (Belilos Public School), Mrs. E. W. L. Martin (St. Stephen's College, Stanley), Mrs. J. T. Prior, Mrs. G. Luke, Mrs. C. Blaker and Mrs. F. C. Barry, for taking charge of districts; Miss Atkins (St. Stephen's Girls' School), Miss Shin (Y.W.C.A.), Dr. Katie Woo, M.B.E. (St. Paul's Girl's College), Mrs. Agnes Lo (St. Agnes's College), Sister M. de Ricci (Holy Spirit School), Mr. D. M. Richards (Central British School), Miss So (To Sau Girls' School), Mr. Wong (Mun Sang College); to all helpers who assisted in the street sale; to the Hong Kong branch of the British Legion, for loan of collecting tins; to the Head of the Sanitary Department, for use of the Urban Council Chamber as headquarters; to Mr. Ashton, of the Y.M.C.A., for use of room as Kowloon headquarters; to His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor Kt., for his admirable

He reiterated his oft-expressed conviction that Britain herself was guiltless in the development of a state of affairs which made expenditure of huge sums on armament necessary.

"Perhaps," Mr. Chamberlain concluded, "the world will one day recover from its armaments madness, and then my successor will have the pleasure of reducing taxation."

"Let us pray that this day may soon arrive."—Trans-Ocean.

"WAR-TIME" MEASURE

London, To-day.

The new Budget receives a most favourable reception from the newspapers with the exception of the Labour "Daily Herald."

In a leading article yesterday, the paper declares that the Budget is an appropriate war-time measure.

The other journals point out that the Chancellor spared the public an increase in indirect taxes and that the moneyed class will be called upon to bear the chief burden of the armaments expenditure.

The new defence contribution meets with general approval, though a financial paper believes there will be a radical decline in stock exchange prices, since the new Growth of Profit Tax will reduce company gains.—Trans-Ocean.

broadcast talk; to the Press, for valued publicity; and to all others who in any way contributed to the success of the Flower Day.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
Society for the Protection of Children.

THE WORLD GOES BY

THE Old School Tie has come in for a great deal of criticism, mockery and condemnation from time to time. So much so that I wonder the poor thing is still able to look the world in the face.

It is, in all conscience, an anachronistic vulgarity, used, in most part, by snobs who fail to realise that the glorious era of democracy is with us, or so they say. It must be, I suppose, since we fought a war to make the world safe for it.

Anyway, since you and I are agreed that this monstrosity (the tie, not democracy) should be abolished, we might mention that terrible accent, reminiscent of the old-time French seigneur at his most languid and aristocratic period, which goes with this article of apparel.

If anything, I think, the accent, called by some "Oxford," though I have never learned why (Cambridge inflicts the same drawl on us and so, much to their discredit, occasionally do London, Sheffield, Manchester and other less gilded seats of learning), is worse than the Tie.

A tie, at worst, is a quiescent thing. It doesn't smite the ear and make strong and hardy democrats like myself flinch with the shock of it. And, like the poor, it will always be with us in one colour combination or the other, since most ties to-day are built as imitations, poor ones it is true, but imitations, of the superior Public School cravat.

But this accent is hard to get away from. One can turn one's eyes away from a tie but one can't dodge the accent. (The word, one feels, should be in caps). There is no escape from it when it assails one's ears on the Ferry or the Peak Tram (why must it always be shouted, as if it was trying to drown the shrieks of all the devils in Hell?). One could, of course, jump overboard and swim for dear life away from it, but there are several disadvantages in this possible course of action. It would prove, I think, a trifle difficult to explain to an unimaginative policeman the *raison d'être* for such an unusual proceeding, and one would in all probability be the recipient of a generous (misplaced word) fine for disturbing the peace.

The only remedy for it would be Red Revolution and wiping out in the best Bolshevik fashion of all ties and accents offensive to the eyes and ears of the *hoi polloi*. But, somehow, I don't think this is ever likely to happen. We are too undemonstrative a race and will take almost anything lying down.

An American thief has been stealing nothing but cheese. Is he man or mouse?

A man has wed a "nudist queen." He isn't so dumb. Imagine having a wife whose most expensive plaint is "Darling, I simply must have another coat of fan."

Mrs. Martin Johnson maintains that any woman can be a successful explorer. The sex excels especially on safaris through bargain basements.

ULYSSES.

THREAT TO FIRE ON PLANES

St. Jean de Luz, To-day.
Strong words have been hurled at the French Ambassador here, M. Herbette, by the commander of the Spanish insurgents on the Irun front.

In a communication delivered yesterday he says that French civil aeroplanes operating between Biarritz and Bilbao will be pursued and fired on if they are discovered flying within ten miles of the Spanish coast.

"This measure has been rendered necessary," says the communication, "as this new air service constitutes disregard of the most primitive conception of neutrality."—Trans-Ocean.

BILBAO BLOCKADE THREATS

Labour Party Still Dissatisfied

London To-day.
Labour is still dissatisfied by the Bilbao blockade situation.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, was again questioned in the Commons regarding the protection of British merchant ships proceeding to Bilbao.

He repeated the assurances already given to the House in answer to questions and in debate, and made it clear that General Franco had been warned he would be held responsible for any damage done to such ships.—British Wireless.

SEIZED CARGO

British-Owned In Spanish Ship

London, To-day.
Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the seizure by the Spanish insurgents of two Spanish ships carrying British-owned cargo and a cargo of iron-ore destined for England the Foreign Secretary replied that the insurgent authorities had agreed in the one case to hand over the cargo to the British authorities.

The British Ambassador was renewing his representations in the other case.—British Wireless.

SURVEYING NEW "DOMAIN"

Mr. Wu Te-Chen To Tour Kwangtung

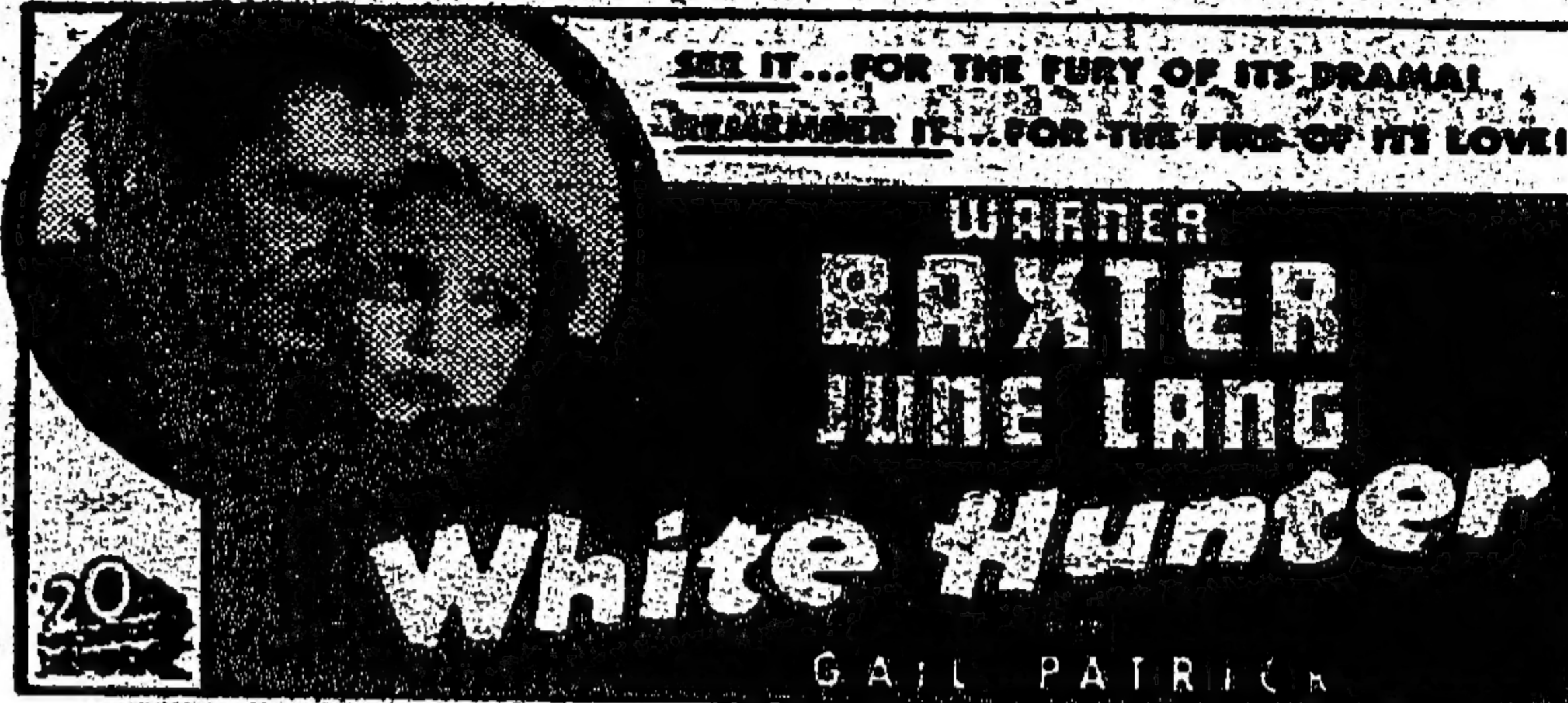
Canton, To-day.
Mr. Wu Te-chen, new Governor of Kwangtung, is planning to undertake a comprehensive tour of inspection of the province in company with departmental commissioners.—Our Own Correspondent.

The "Empress of Asia" is due here at 8.00 a.m. to-morrow (Friday), and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She is due to sail for Manila at 5.00 p.m. the same day.

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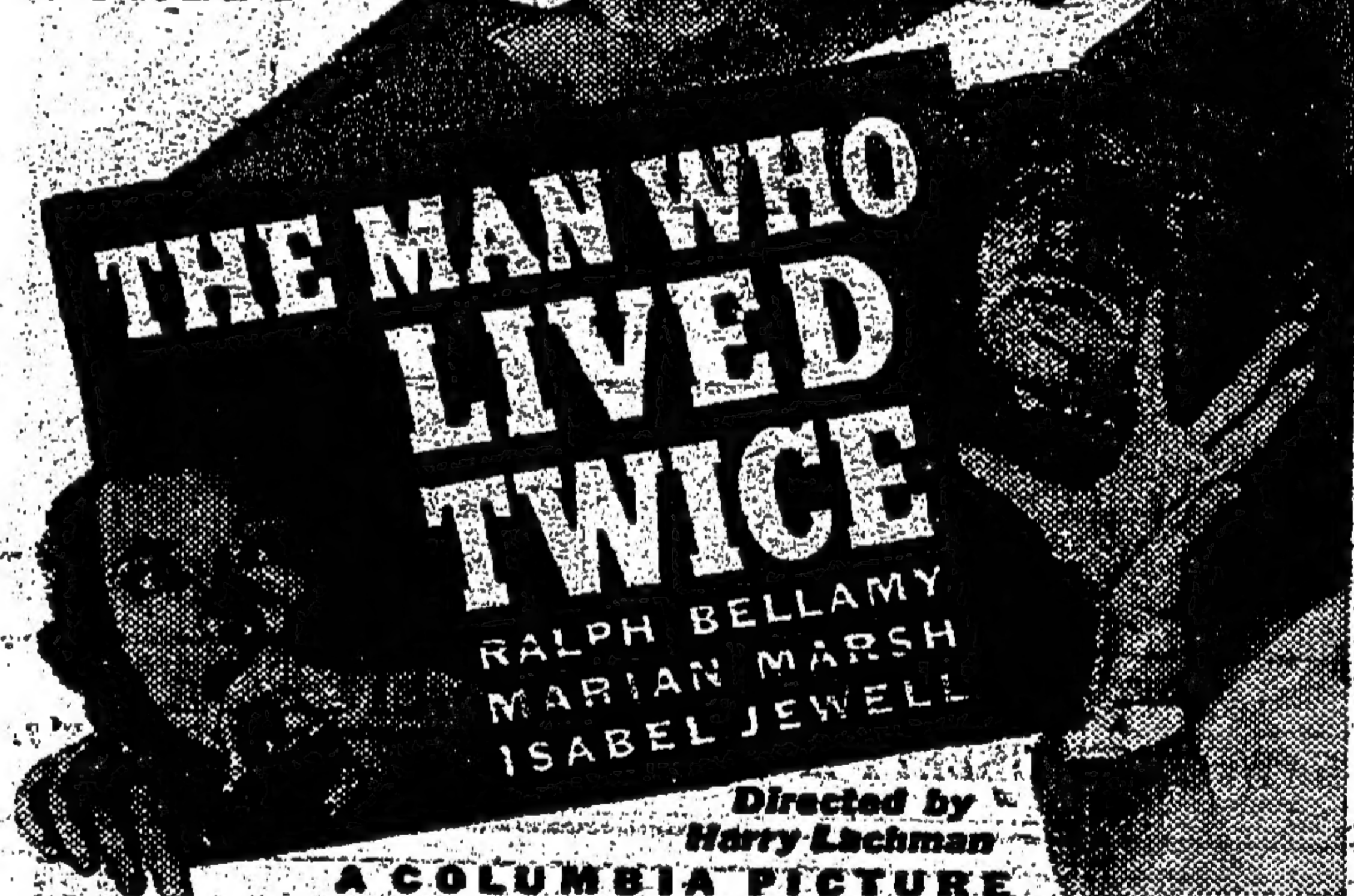
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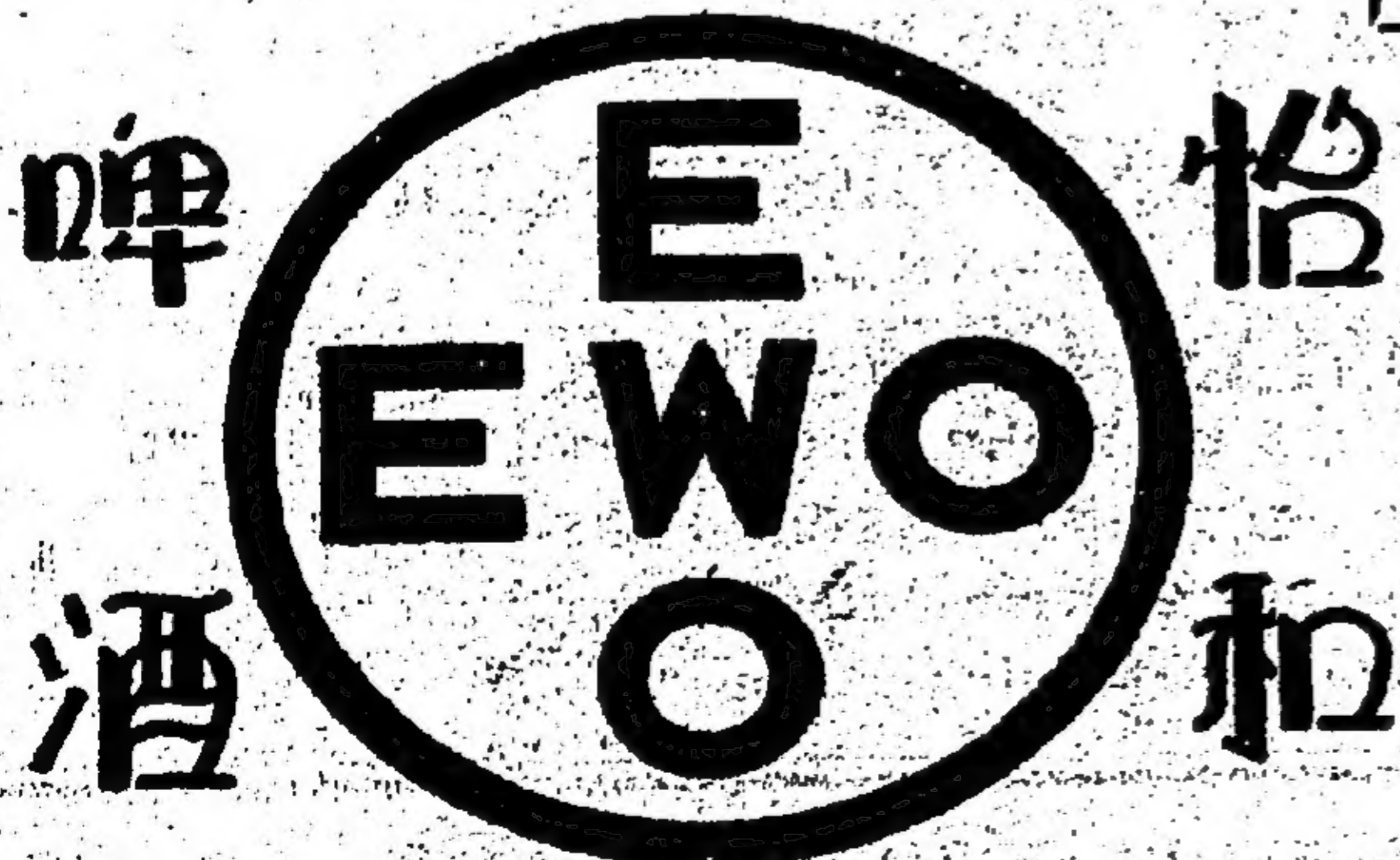
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Princess Elizabeth's Birthday

London, To-day.
Princess Elizabeth celebrated her eleventh birthday yesterday with her parents, the King and Queen, her sister and members of the Royal Family.
Among the numerous presents she received was one from the Duke of Windsor in Austria.—Trans-Ocean.
The King and Queen gave her a snow-white pony and saddle and bridle with her initials as birthday present.—British Wireless.

GRESFORD DISASTER PROSECUTION

London, To-day.
The summons against the owners and officials of the Gresford Colliery, where 265 miners were killed in the 1935 disaster, continued to be heard yesterday.

The Solicitor-General, Sir Donald Somervell, stated that at the time of the disaster conditions in the colliery were appallingly bad, while ventilation at the pit-heads was so faulty that safety lamps were not used.

Sir Donald added that he was bringing evidence to show that there was much short-firing in the mine the day before the disaster occurred.—Reuter.

DIVINE WIND'S PILOTS

Honoured By French Aero Club

Paris, To-day.
A large reception was held yesterday evening at the Aero Club de France in honour of the Japanese airmen who set up a record by their fine flight from Paris to Tokyo in the Divine Wind.

The club was decorated in the Japanese and French colours, while the President presented the fliers with the club's silver medal in recognition of their magnificent achievement.

The Japanese charge d'affaires expressed a wish that co-operation between France and Japan might become closer.—Trans-Ocean.

VIENNA NAZIS WARNED

Sequel To Birthday Demonstrations

Vienna, To-day.
What appears to be a hint of trouble ahead for the Austrian Nazis was given yesterday by the Mayor of Vienna.

Referring to the minor disorders which occurred in the capital on the occasion of Herr Hitler's birthday, he charged the Nazis with the intention of stirring up disorder, although doing lip service to the Government.

The Mayor, who is one of the bitterest opponents of the Nazi Party in Austria, declared that they "will now not be left in peace but will be given an unpleasant time."—Trans-Ocean.

Quota Hitch At Sugar Conference

London, To-day.
The negotiating committee of the International Sugar Conference saw a number of delegations yesterday and is seeing more to-day.
It is understood that all but four countries have accepted the allocations in principle, but these four are demanding quotas which will bring the total to nearly ten per cent. above the estimated requirements of a free market.

Their demands have been reduced five per cent. on those made earlier in the week.

The committee encountered considerable difficulty in obtaining this reduction and it is uncertain whether they will modify the claims further or whether the others will yield part of their quotas.

Hence particular interest is attached to to-day's meeting.—Reuter.

BRITISH CABINET MEETING

Demarche On Belgian Neutrality

London, To-day.
The draft of the joint Franco-British demarche on the question of Belgian neutrality, which has been prepared by experts in the British and French Foreign Offices, was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet.

The meeting also considered the situation on the Basque coast as it presents itself in the light of latest messages from Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMONS QUESTION

The Foreign Secretary told the Commons that he hoped to make a statement at a very early date on the position of Belgium in relation to her provisional Locarno obligations of March 19, 1936. The question was still under discussion with the Belgian Government.—British Wireless.

SPANISH STEAMER ASHORE

Beached Escaping From Rebel Cruiser

Paris, To-day.
The Spanish steamer "Mar Caribe," which ran aground off the Algerian coast recently while running from an insurgent cruiser, is still fast on the rocks.

Efforts to refloat the steamer having failed, she is now being unloaded, and will probably be towed off after removal of the cargo has lightened the ship.—Trans-Ocean.

Goering Visiting On Sunday

Berlin, To-day.
It has now been definitely learned that General Goering will confer with Signor Mussolini in Rome on April 25.

The Prussian Premier, together with his wife, left Berlin by special plane yesterday for Naples, where Frau Goering will spend several weeks to recuperate after her recent illness.

General Goering will interrupt his return journey at Rome to visit the Duce.—Trans-Ocean.

Schubert Duo For Piano and Violin in A Major

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Suite No. 2 in B Minor (Bach), played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
12.47 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Alfred Cortot.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light and Popular Songs.
1.20 p.m.—George Scott-Wood and His Piano-Accordeon.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—De Groot and His Concert Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5 p.m.—A Relay of Dance Music from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof-Garden.
6 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Children's Concert.
6.30 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts.
"The Yeomen of the Guard"—Vocal Gems.
Columbia Light Opera Company.
"Trial By Jury"—
Oh, never, never.
May it please you.
That she is reeling.
Oh, gentlemen, listen.
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"The Mikado"—
Young man, despair.
And have I journey'd.
Members of the D'Oyly Carte Light Opera Company.
6.50 p.m.—Duo for Piano and Violin in A Major, Op. 162 (Schubert), Played by Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
1st Movement—
Allegro moderato.
2nd Movement—
Scherzo—Presto and Trio.
3rd Movement—
Andantino.
4th Movement—
Allegro vivace.
7.15 p.m.—Grand Massed Brass Bands. Under the Banner of Victory (Von Blon).
El Abanico—March (Javeloyes, arr. Hume).
Steadfast and True—March (Teike, arr. Bidgood).
A Wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (Mackenzie).
Minstrel Memories (arr. Rimmer).

7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong-Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—New Gramophone Records.
Violin Solo—
Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin—Posthumous—).
Natan Milstein.
Tenor Solo—
Parlez-Moi d'Amour (Lenoir).
Michael Bartlett.
Band Music—
The Changing of the Guard.
Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
Pianoforte Solo—
Serenata (Moszkowski—Op. 151).
Ignaz Friedman.
Orchestral—
Exultation—Waltz (Lautenschlager).
Waltz of the Dolls (Bayer).
Orchestre Mascotte.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Chinese Concert.
11 p.m.—Close Down.
8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK, on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
Medley No. R. 5.
Medley No. R. 7.
Medley No. R. 12.
8.25 p.m.—"Cinderella"—A Phantasy (Eric Coates), played by the Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by Eric Coates.
8.38 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
Bouquet of Spanish Songs.
Sevillian Serenaders.
Harry Lauder—Vocal Gems, (arr. Byng).
Scottish Male Voice Singers.

(a) Honeysuckle and the Bee (Kapps—Fitz).
(b) If you want to know the time ask a Policeman (Burando—Rogers).
Light Opera Male Chorus.
Little Annie Rooney (Nolan).
The Maestros (Vocal Quintette).
9 p.m.—London—"Food for Thought". Three short talks on matters of topical interest. (Electrical Recording).
9.20 p.m.—London—Syncopated Piano Music. (Recorded).
9.30 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.55 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
"Suite Orientale" (Popy).
Part 1—Les Bayaderes.
Part 2—Au Bord du Gange.
Part 3—Les Aïmees.
Part 4—Patrouille.
"Leo Fall—Potpourri (arr. Dostal).
"The Quaker Girl"—Waltz (Mönckton).
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—
A star fell out of heaven.
Did I remember?
Car of dreams.
Accent on Youth.
Waltz—
A beautiful Lady in Blue.
Quickstep—
China Boy.
Choo-Choo.
Fox-Trot—
Harlem.
Sing, sing, sing.
Take my heart.
Slow Fox-Trot—
You're not the kind.
Fox-Trot—
It happened in the moonlight.
Rumba—
Serenade.
Waltz—
It's a sin to tell a lie.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Reasoning Out The Opening Lead

The crucial factor in the selection of the opening lead is one of timing. The leader must first decide, on the basis of available information (70 per cent of which comes from the previous bidding, and only 30 per cent from the leader's own hand), whether he and his partner will have plenty of time in which to establish and cash their tricks, in which case his aim should be merely to protect his own and partner's honour cards from being finessed, or whether speed probably will be essential. Let us consider the following hand the standpoint of how an expert reasons in selecting the opening lead.

South, dealer.
Both side vulnerable; North-South 30 part-score.

NORTH
S.—J
H.—9 8 4
D.—K Q 9 6
C.—J 10 5 4 2

WEST
S.—A Q 5 4 3
H.—Q 10 5
D.—10 4 3 2
C.—A

EAST
S.—10 7 6 2
H.—A 7 3 2
D.—J 8 7 5
C.—8

SOUTH
S.—K 9 8
H.—K J 6
D.—A
C.—K Q 9 7 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 club 1 spade 2 clubs 2 spades
4 clubs Pass Pass Pass
Since I was West, I am able to describe my exact thought processes in selecting the opening lead. These were the obvious facts: South had the only hand at the table [outside of mine] that really was strong; North, undoubtedly, had club support and likely an outside suit of reasonable strength; East had fair spade support and not much besides. I could eliminate trumps from my consideration, for certainly there would be no merit in laying down the blank ace. As far as spades were concerned, whatever spade tricks we had, if any, would come

to us readymade; there could be no need nor possibility of establishing tricks in the suit. This narrowed my choice down to hearts and diamonds, and it must be admitted that choosing between them was a difficult matter, but one had an enormous superiority over the other, and that was immediacy.

If North's auxiliary suit were hearts, my partner would need, at the least, two high honours in diamonds for an opening diamond lead to be effective, and even then it might require considerable plugging of the suit both to establish and bring home such diamond tricks. But if I should find East with either the heart ace or the king and jack, there was an excellent chance that I could building two heart tricks in one single lead. That was all there was to it!

I opened the five of hearts, East played the ace and, of course, returned a heart. Declarer now was completely helpless; if he should play the king, although there were two beautiful diamond tricks awaiting him in the dummy, there would be no way to reach these tricks without surrendering the lead. Therefore he correctly, if despairingly, tried the jack-finesse, but he was not lucky. I won with the queen and promptly cashed my ace of spades. Needless to say I had little difficulty in making my ace of trumps for the setting trick.

It is interesting to note that no opening lead other than a heart would have had the faintest chance to defeat the contract. Had I first opened the ace of spades and then shifted to a heart, it would have been too late, as declarer could win the heart return with the king, unblock the ace of diamonds, and either enter dummy by ruffing a spade for a discard on diamonds or cash the spade king and discard a heart from dummy.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: As an opening bid (before support or denial by partner) is a suit such as A K Q x x considered solid?

Answer: No. It should be figured as four winners.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Man of the People", with Joseph Calleia, Florence Rice, Jane Barnes and Ted Healey. A novel story depicting the uphill fight of an attorney.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"White Hunter", with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Love Letters of a Star", with Henry Gordon, Polly Rowles, Walter Coy and Ralph Forbes. An exciting mystery that does not reveal the murderer till the last sequence. A family hounded by a blackmailer is suspected of the murder and the solution is arrived at in an unusual manner.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Man Who Lived Twice", with Ralph Bellamy, Marian Marsh and Isabel Jewell. A blood-chilling drama of a killer resurrected and transformed into a reputable and eminent surgeon.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Hearts Divided", with Marion Davies, Dick Powell, Claude Rains, Charles Ruggles, and Edward Everett Horton. Prince Jerome Bonaparte defies his brother, the Emperor Napoleon, for the love of his Baltimore sweetheart, Betty Patterson.

AT THE STAR—"Big Broadcast Of 1937", with Jack Benny, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Bob Burns, Benny Fields, Martha Raye, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. One of the greatest cast of radio celebrities ever assembled. Gorgeously crazy humour.

COMING PICTURES

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you hate her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Under Your Spell", with Lawrence Tibbett, Wendy Barrie, Gregory Ratoff and Arthur Treacher. A roughhouse romance that hits the high spots of comedy, action, rhythm and excitement. Coming to the Star.

"Mind Your Own Business"—With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has bees in his bonnet as well as his column and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.



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SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR

LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Weekly Return

In the Colony of Hong Kong last week, there were altogether 42 traffic accidents, as the result of which 3 persons were killed and 17 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese male, aged 45 years, was knocked down and killed by a private motor car whilst walking across the road.

A Chinese boy was knocked down and fatally injured by an unknown vehicle whilst walking across the road.

Of the persons injured, 11 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

Three tramcar passengers and 2 bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving tramcars and motor buses respectively.

A motor cycle driver was injured as the result of a collision between two vehicles.

Of the 42 accidents, 16 were collisions between vehicles; 18 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 8 accidents were due to other causes.

Vehicles	Number
Private motor car	25
Motor Lorry	9
Public Motor Car	5
Motor Bus	3
Motor Cycle	4
Tramcar	5
Bicycle	4
Tricycle	2
Rickshaw	2

TURKEY FALLING INTO LINE

Youth Movement On Compulsory Basis

Istanbul, To-day.

Turkey is falling into line with other nations who have mobilised their youth.

All boys and girls between the age of 14 and 21, says an announcement, are to join the "Ataturk League," the new youth organisation named after the present Dictator.

Members of the new organisation will receive preliminary military training.—Trans-Ocean.

Sir Stafford Cripps Ironical On New Profits Tax

London, To-day.

Conservative doubts on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's proposed Growth of Profits Tax were summarised in striking fashion in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Robert Horne, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Appealing for a clearing up of the obscurities attached to the tax, Sir Robert asked whether the national defence contribution was computable before or after income tax assessment.

He also sought information respecting depreciation, especially as regards shipping.

SIR ROBERT GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT EXCESSIVE PROFITS FROM ARMAMENTS WERE A PROPER SUBJECT OF TAXATION BUT IT WOULD SEEM, HE DECLARED, THAT THE PROJECTED TAX WENT FURTHER BECAUSE IT INCLUDED A VAST NUMBER OF FIRMS NOT CONNECTED WITH MUNITIONS WHO WERE INJURED RATHER THAN BENEFITTED BY THE ARMAMENT PROGRAMME. SHIPPING COMPANIES WERE DISMAYED BY THE PROSPECT.

Sir Robert pointed out that income tax, plus the national defence tax, would aggregate as high as 45 per cent. and 75 per cent. where surtax was payable.

CHECK ON ENTERPRISE

The new tax would be most detrimental to new firms and he feared a check upon the country's enterprise.

Sir Stafford Cripps (Labour, Bristol East), said the Growth of Profits Tax could be used by subsequent Chancellors as a valuable device in a period of transition from the present form of economy to a "newer and better form."

He hoped that in years to come Mr. Chamberlain's example would be followed and the tax would become a permanent feature by which private industry would gradually be replaced by national and State-owned industry.

"It may be a device which will enable us to terminate the capitalist system much earlier than we would otherwise be able to do," he declared.

LIBERAL LEADER'S ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

Partnerships in profiteering was one of the descriptions applied to the Growth of Profits Tax when the House of Commons began consideration of the Budget proposals in earnest yesterday.

MR. PETHICK LAWRENCE, FOR THE LABOUR PARTY, WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE CHANCELLOR'S PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION WOULD WORK IN A NUMBER OF WAYS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TREASURY HAD TAKEN TO HEART THE MISTAKES LEARNED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WARTIME EXCESS PROFITS DUTY.

Sir Robert Horne paid a high tribute to the Chancellor's conduct of the nation's finances during his long period of office.

He had pursued under difficulty a course of resolution and rectitude with the result that the country was the envy of the world. Sir Robert Horne, however, who was critical of the proposed national defence contribution the scope of which he thought was too wide, said that the opportunity should be seized for securing a trade agreement with the United States.

Sir Archibald Sinclair attacked what he described as the Chancellor's protectionist policy and indicated that the Liberals would have preferred strict control of armament prices rather than a scheme of

taxation, which made the Government a partner in profiteering.

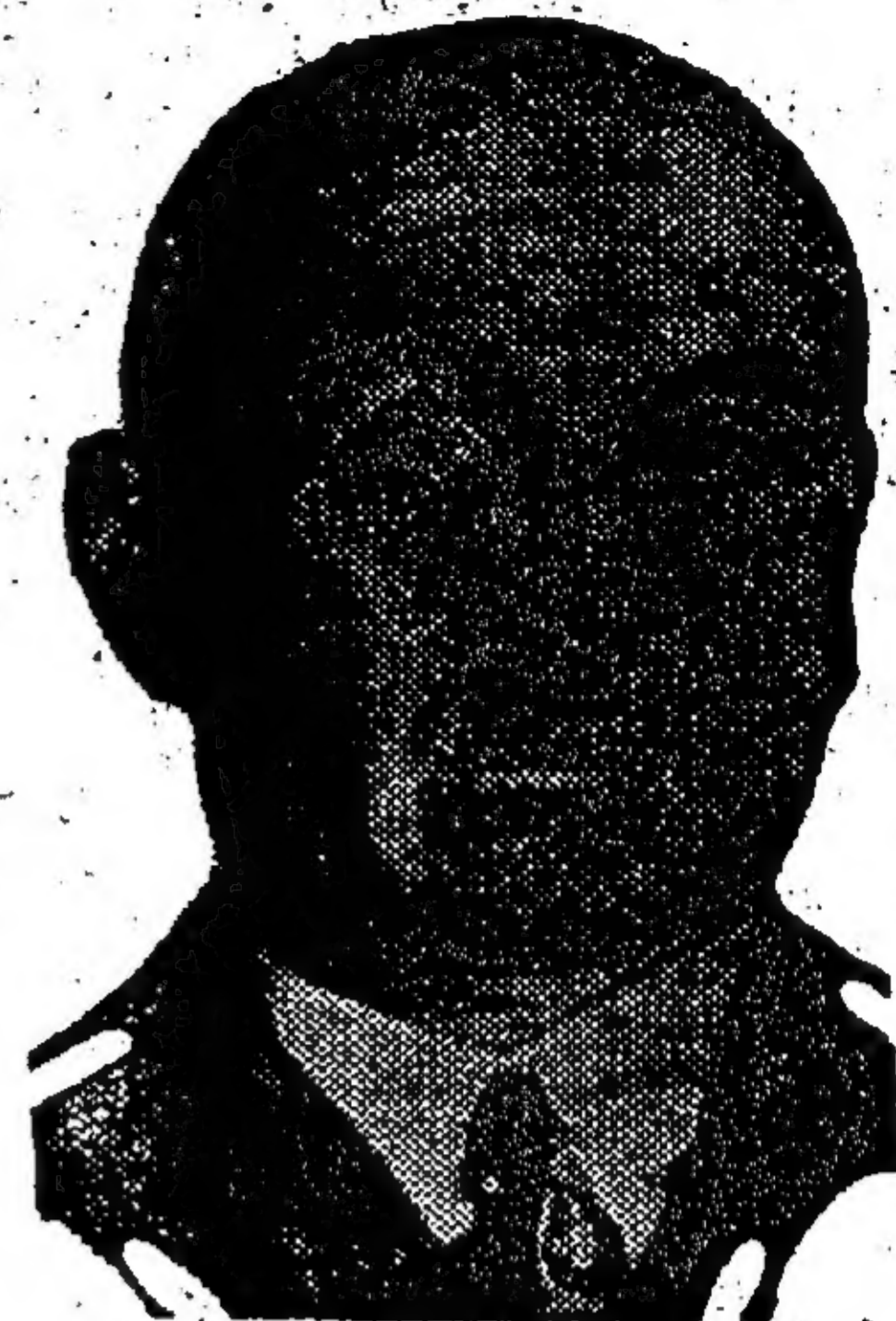
Sir Alan Anderson thought that a measure such as a national defence contribution was an absolute necessity when the whole of the people were being called upon to bear a heavy burden, although he admitted that schemes for taxing excess profits were full of difficulty and danger and generally unsatisfactory.

The debate is continuing.—British Wireless.

TORY GROUP IN REVOLT

London, To-day.

It is becoming more and more apparent that a section of the Conservative Party is up in arms against Mr. Neville Chamberlain's departure from rigid financial or-



SIR ROBERT HORNE

MUTINY OF GERMAN "REBELS"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GERMAN TROOPS FIGHTING ON THE SIDE OF THE INSURGENTS IN THE VICTORIA SECTOR HAVE MUTINIED, ACCORDING TO A BASQUE REPORT.

The insurgents are sending three divisions to suppress the rising, adds the report.

The report of the mutiny, which has not been published in Germany, is ridiculed by the German Ministry of Propaganda.

The German standpoint generally is that there are no German troops in Spain.

Many foreign observers believe this to be true in the sense that there are no individual detachments in the army but the Germans do not deny there are a number of volunteers.

Other Germans in Spain are probably mostly technicians connected with the air force and mechanised ground forces, but it is understood that German experts are becoming increasingly less interested in the Spanish adventure.—Reuter.

thodoxy and his recourse to direct taxation of profits to meet the requirements of the new Budget.

Mr. Chamberlain has, in fact, become unpopular with his political associates, one of whom, Major Williams, declared at a public meeting yesterday that the new Growth of Profits Tax was "demoralising."

Other Conservatives are making no attempt to hide their opposition to what they regard as an unjust scheme to make the wealthy bear the burden of rearmament.

COST OF LIVING

Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence (Labour member for Edinburgh East), expressed opposition to the Budget, which he said, would increase the cost of living.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal leader, contended that the new Budget meant that the public would be taxed to the utmost capacity.

On the other hand, the Left Wing section of the Labour Party is evidently well pleased with some aspects of the Budget.—Trans-Ocean.

REBEL OFFENSIVE STOPPED BY DISASTROUS LOSSES

Attackers Mown Down In Basque Operations

HEAVY BOMBING RAIDS: SCORES OF CASUALTIES

Hendaye, To-day.

Terrific havoc was wrought in the insurgent ranks yesterday, according to a Basque Government communique claiming further successes on the Biscay front.

FOREWARNED OF THE COMING OFFENSIVE, THE BASQUE COMMAND ORDERED THEIR TROOPS NOT TO BUDGE FROM THEIR TRENCHES AND NOT TO SHOW ANY SIGNS OF LIFE DURING THE ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT PRECEDING THE ATTACK.

WHEN THE ADVANCING INSURGENTS WERE FORTY YARDS FROM THEIR TRENCHES, ALL THE BASQUE MACHINE-GUNS AND ARTILLERY OPENED FIRE SIMULTANEOUSLY, WHILE A CURTAIN OF SHRAPNEL AND HIGH EXPLOSIVE MADE RETREAT DIFFICULT.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THERE WAS A "REGULAR MASSACRE," THE ENEMY LEAVING 1,000 DEAD AND WOUNDED.

Another Republican communique, issued in Madrid, claims that the loyalists have advanced to within two miles of Toledo, which has been heavily bombed by Government planes.

A loyalist air squadron also caused severe damage yesterday when they raided the town of Valladolid.

JAEN TRAGEDIES

A report from Paris says that 122, including many women and children, were killed in an insurgent air raid on Jaen yesterday.

In the meantime, the insurgents have informed the foreign Powers of the coastal zones in which they intend to lay mines.

Rebel planes also bombed the loyalist lines on the Cordoba front.

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while another squadron dropped supplies by parachute for the besieged insurgents who are holding out with difficulty in the monastery of Santa Maria.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

INSURGENT VERSION OF BASQUE HOLD-UP

Vittoria, To-day.

Reports that the insurgents have been checked on the Bilbao front appear to be confirmed by an insurgent communique, which admits that General Mola, commanding the rebels, "had not by yesterday afternoon followed up the first phase of his new offensive."

The insurgent artillery was reported yesterday to be carrying out a bombardment of the fortifications of Orduna, while the rebel air force was stated to be active around Eibar and north of Amboto.

There was also considerable artillery activity on the Asturian front, where the fortifications erected by miners' battalions at Buena Vista and Escampero were shelled.—Trans-Ocean.

VALENCIA REFUGEES

Istanbul, To-day.

Turkish refugees in Valencia, numbering 600, have been promised a safe conduct by the Republican Government.

Leaving Valencia at the same time will also be a number of British, German and Italian nationals, who will be evacuated on board a Turkish steamer some time this week.—Trans-Ocean.

MINES TO BE LAID

Rabat (French Morocco), To-day.

The insurgent radio station at Tetuan announces that the Burgos Government has informed foreign Governments that the insurgents intend to sow mines in front of all ports in the hands of the Spanish Government.—Reuter.

Church Supports Foodship Plan

London, To-day.

It is learned that an attempt is being made to send a Church foodship to Bilbao. The Dean of Canterbury is appealing for the sum of £10,000 for this purpose.

It is understood the vessel may sail for Bilbao within ten days.—Reuter.

British Refugees From Bilbao

St. Jean de Luz, To-day.

Nineteen British were among a large batch of refugees from Bilbao who were brought to safety yesterday by a British destroyer.

The rest of the refugees, numbering 247 in all, were Spanish.

According to one of the Britons, who were ordered to leave by the British consul, the shortage of food is no worse than was the case a month ago.

Over 100 civilians had been killed in a recent air raid on the surrounding districts of Bilbao, he added.—Reuter.

AUSTRIA AND THE CORONATION

Vienna, To-day.

Austria will be represented at the Coronation of King George by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Guido Schmidt, the President of the Federal Diet, Count Hoyes, and General Schilhafsky.—Trans-Ocean.

MEDIATION PROSPECT IN SPAIN

Barcelona, To-day.

Although the newspapers here emphatically decline to entertain any thought of compromise or mediation between the two sides in the Spanish dispute, declaring that the "sun of success and victory" has just begun to shine on the Republicans, it is declared that Catalan Government circles are not so optimistic and express a doubt whether the war can be decided with weapons alone.

More conservative circles, it is stated, look upon the possibility of international mediation, such as was proposed recently by Mr. Winston Churchill.—Trans-Ocean.

ROYAL OAK TO RELIEVE HOOD

Leaving For Spain On
Saturday

The Rear-Admiral of the 2nd battle-squadron, in H.M.S. Royal Oak will sail from Devonport on Saturday to relieve the Vice-Admiral commanding the battle-cruiser squadron in H.M.S. Hood—as Senior Naval Officer in Northern Spanish waters.

On being relieved, H.M.S. Hood will sail for Portsmouth where she will prepare for the naval review.—British Wireless.

It is a Daily

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Perhaps you're dumb in everyday life--BUT Are You A "Scream" When You Dream?

A GLOOMY little man of the Ashenpecked type told me of this dream, with the excuse that he could not get it out of his mind.

In his dream he had returned from a long and tiring day's business, and was standing in the doorway of his suburban home when an angel opened the garden gate.

The angel was very good to look at, with feathery white wings, burnished golden hair and a sweet smile.

It wore a tight-fitting, orange-coloured swimming suit, with across it, after the manner of American beauty parades, a blue sash carrying in silver letters the word Omee.

A clock striking downstairs then woke the dreamer up.

The part of the dream which impressed him most deeply was the word Omee.

His wife's first name turned out to be Amy.

Amy was devoid of white wings and golden hair.

But she possessed a sharp and energetic tongue which she frequently used to explain to her husband where he was wrong.

When it was pointed out that the dream was nothing more than an obvious, not to say fiendish, pun, he nearly fell down with astonishment—if only Amy could be exchanged for Omee, 'ome would be more like 'ome.

Let us take * * * hope for ourselves. If we can't all think of jokes when awake, at least we can be dream humorists.

Have you ever thought of watching your dreams for jokes?

Here is another instance.

The location was a country fair which the dreamer was visiting with his wife who, as usual, had in her arms her pet dog. They entered a conjurer's booth.

The conjurer announced that for his next trick he would invite a member of the audience to be miraculously transported to any place named, and brought back again.

The dreamer's wife, still holding her pet dog, volunteered. The conjurer asked the dreamer to name the place.

"Marlingford Priors," he replied, without hesitation, inwardly wondering where this might be.

He was surprised to see the conjurer favour him with a particularly knowing look.

A moment later a swirl of air shook the tent and the lady had gone.

"All right," said the dreamer, so far satisfied. "Now you can bring her back again."

The magician shook his head.

"That isn't possible," he explained. "There is no place called Marlingford Priors, so sending your wife there was really sending her to nowhere. You can't get anyone or anything back from nowhere."

This unconsciously witty sally was not at the expense of the dreamer's wife, but voiced a private opinion of the pet dog.

It might be rendered into words as: "If only to see the last of that dog I could almost say good-bye to its owner."

The psychologist whose work includes dream interpretation is sometimes told of dreams which

really contain sly digs at himself.

A very mild and harmless lady told me:

"I dreamt a fortune teller warned me I was in danger of losing something of value.

"Thereupon I started for home, but on the bus found my pocket had been picked. My purse, containing several £1 notes, was gone. I decided to hurry back and get the fortune-teller's advice.

"Her parlour door was slightly ajar. I saw her with my purse in her hand."

The dreamer had no idea that this was just another way of saying: "You are a cheat and a fraud."

Where does this dream humour come from in people who are not a bit funny in waking life?

Actually dream humour is the

Dried Apricots Are Delicious — LIKE THIS!

Apples are getting very tired, and rhubarb is not everybody's choice.

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twenty-four hours, by which time the fruit has swollen to its original size and shape. Tip the whole lot into a colander to let the soaking water drain away. Rinse thoroughly under a running tap, keeping a sharp eye open for any tiny black specks adhering to the inside of fruit.

Put into an enamelled saucepan with two heaped tablespoons of sugar and a cup of water. Cook very gently, giving an occasional stir, until the syrup thickens and the fruit looks a rich dark gold. Delicious served with coffee cream, which is much cheaper than the ordinary sort.

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"OVALTINE" BUILDS UP BRAIN, NERVE AND BODY

CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES

Salutary Fines On Chinese Editors

REMARKING THAT IT WAS SOLELY BECAUSE SUCH CASES WERE RARE IN THE COLONY THAT HE DID NOT PASS PRISON SENTENCES, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, IMPOSED SUBSTANTIAL FINES ON THE EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS OF THREE CHINESE NEWSPAPERS WHO APPEARED AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE COMMITTED FOR PRINTING ARTICLES HELD TO AMOUNT TO CONTEMPT OF COURT.

THE ARTICLES WERE CONNECTED WITH THE "CHARCOAL MURDER CASE," WHICH IS TO BE HEARD AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS NEXT TUESDAY.

The Honourable Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Attorney General, appeared for the Crown and in reading translations of the articles revealed that one of the papers published a complete picture of incidents of which there was no direct evidence.

The defendants were the *Hong Kong Ching Po* edited by Yeung Lau and published by Wong Fat-chit; the *Shek Shan Po*, edited by Ling Ching-kok, published by Tang Kwong-ngai; and the *Han Wa*, edited by Ling Fung and Tseng Tat-fong and published by Yeung Sai-cheong.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the *Han Wa* editor and publisher.

STILL SUB JUDICE

Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Chief Justice addressed Press representatives pointing out that the defendants were in Court on an allegation by the Attorney General, on behalf of the Crown, that they had abused the privileges of the Press. He need not, he said, remind Press representatives that the case connected with the proceedings was still pending, and that they should refrain from publishing any of the translated paragraphs read in Court.

The Attorney General said the case of the *Hong Kong Ching Po* was less serious than the other two. They, at least, did take action to rectify their mistake. They published a correction stating that the report did not correspond with the facts after they had been warned by the Magistrate. The article published, however, gave a complete picture of incidents of which there was no direct evidence.

The *Shek Shan Po* printed an article, giving the alleged motive of the murder, and continued by publishing another, similar article after the Magistrate had issued a warning regarding such reports.

The articles in the *Han Wa*, said Mr. Alabaster, were comments on the case and deductions from the statements of the accused. The last two cases were to be regarded as much more serious than the first.

SMALL CIRCULATION

Appearing on behalf for the editors and publisher of the *Han Wa*, Mr. Macnamara said the case was indefensible. The *Han Wa* had a circulation of only 2,000 copies which was very small in comparison with other Chinese papers. The paper was edited jointly by two editors, who were young and inexperienced. His clients deeply regretted the error. Mr. Macnamara said his clients had hardly had time to publish an apology and rectification. They never heard the Magistrate's warning as they had no representatives in the Police Court. They usually gathered what had taken place from other papers.

Mr. Macnamara produced an Affidavit of a Mr. Yung, who swore that he read at least two Chinese papers every day, but had seen no warning by the Magistrate. The article was passed by the censor, added Mr. Macnamara, thus illustrating the value of censorship.

With regard to the publisher, Mr. Macnamara continued that he left the Colony about two days before the article was published. He therefore had no knowledge that it was printed.

IGNORANCE OF LAW

Yeung Lau, editor of the *Hong Kong Ching Po* pleaded that he knew nothing of the laws of Hong Kong as he had been in the Colony for only three months. After seeing the Magistrate in Kowloon, his paper immediately rectified the mistake by apologising.

The editor of the *Shek Shan Po*, Ling Ching-kok, said he knew nothing of the warning of the Magistrate, as his paper had no representative in the Police court. The article in question was contributed by an outsider. Tang Kwong-ngai, publisher, said he had nothing to add to the editor's statement.

SERIOUS CASE

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice said that never in his experi-

Britain And The Paris Pact

London, To-day.

His Majesty's Government consider themselves fully bound by the provisions of the Paris Pact for the renunciation of war, the Foreign Secretary informed the Commons in reply to a question.—British Wireless.

ence had he come across a more serious case of contempt of court. The arguments of youth and inexperience were extremely belittling, he said, adding: great as the powers of Press are, and useful in organised society, it is for the Court to control their actions beyond the bounds which are proper and just.

He had given the case serious thought, and with His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, had decided, solely because cases of the kind were so rare, to impose substantial fines. The *Ching Po* had published a correction and the editor and publisher would be fined \$50 each.

Fines of \$500 each would be imposed on the editor and publisher of the *Shek Shan Po*. The joint editors of the *Han Wa* would be fined, \$250 each, and the publisher \$500. The defendants would be detained in Court custody until payment of the fines.

CORONATION COST

£689,400 Out Of Public Funds

London, To-day.

The estimated expenditure from public funds in connection with the Coronation will be £689,400 according to a Commons reply.—British Wireless.

P.C. SHOOT ASSAILANT IN SHAMSHUIPO

Resistance To Search The Motive?

Resistance to search when challenged is reported to have been the origin of a savage attack with a chopper made upon a Chinese police constable in the Shamshuipo district.

As a result of the clash, the alleged assailant is lying in the Kowloon Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the thigh, while the constable, who received chopper wounds was also given attention and detained in hospital.

The constable, No. 383, drew his revolver and fired on his assailant. The affair is now under investigation.

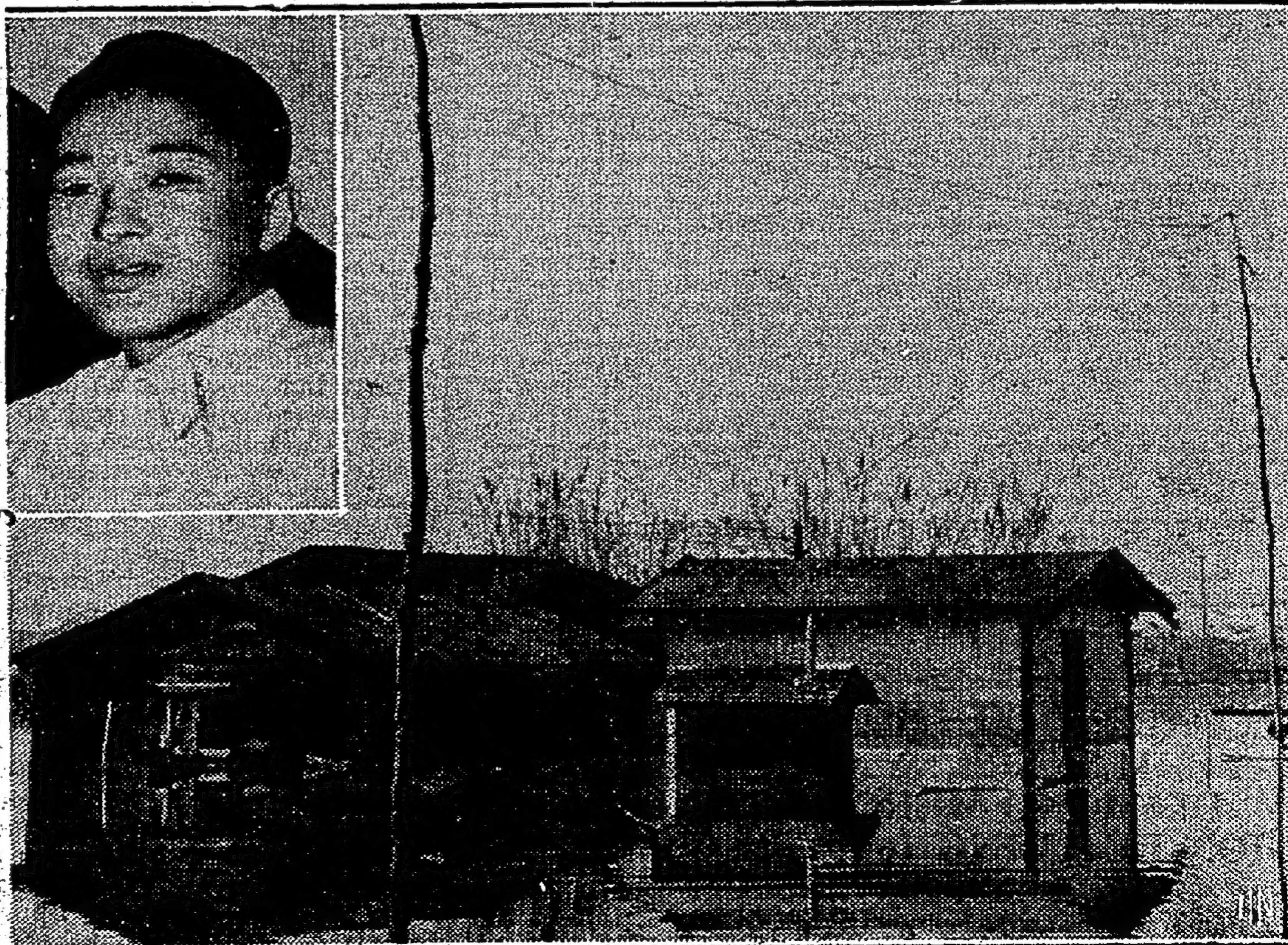
HOPEI MISSION TO JAPAN

What Is Behind It?

Tientsin, To-day.

Mr. Chang Chi-chung, Mayor of Tientsin, and twenty representatives of the Hopei and Chahar Political Council and chambers of commerce will leave Tientsin to-morrow morning for Japan. It is stated that the Mission will stay in Japan for a month.—Our Own Correspondent.

Two cases of typhoid, one from Kowloon and one from Victoria, were reported to the Health Department yesterday. There were also two cases of dysentery and one of diphtheria.



Japanese spy scares are increasing on the west coast of the United States following the arrest of two Japanese in possession of sketches of naval bases. Discovery of two Japanese-operated radio stations in the Compton area, not far from Los Angeles, have added to the alarm. Inset is Yoshio Iwano, who was detained by the police and is said to have been unable to give a satisfactory account of himself.



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THE "NO SHOCKS" BUDGET

Both Mr. Neville Chamberlain and the taxpayer have reason to congratulate themselves upon the Budget which the Chancellor of the Exchequer was able to present to an expectant House of Commons and a no less expectant country. Mr. Chamberlain because the evidences of revenue buoyancy permitted analysis of the biggest peace-time budget in British history without the necessity of inflicting a series of shocks upon public and industry. The taxpayer because quite plainly, on the face of the financial statement, it might have been a great deal worse. The Chancellor's anticipations of a tremendous increase in income from normal sources of revenue are, indeed, the outstanding feature of the Budget. From sources which last year produced a net revenue of £797,289,000, the Treasury expects to receive, in 1937/38, no less than £847,950,000; an increase of more than £50,000,000, and expects, while bearing in mind that last year's figures themselves represented an improvement of over £44,000,000 on the national receipts for the previous year. If these anticipations are a true indication of the growing prosperity in Britain, and there has never been just reason to suspect Mr. Chamberlain of harbouring the disposition of the eternal optimist, there will be few who will gainsay the conclusion that he draws, that Britain is unlikely to wilt under the burden of the rearmament programme that has been undertaken, involving an expenditure, including borrowings, of £278,000,000 on arms in the coming twelve months.

With his greater facilities for estimating revenue buoyancy, the Chancellor was enabled to upset all the calculations of the amateur budget-framers, who predicted that £32,000,000 would be the minimum required from fresh taxation, and at the same time, to relieve the minds of tea merchants, the oil companies and not a few others and limit his new impositions to the 3d. increase in income tax, for which the country had been well prepared, and the somewhat controversial resuscitation of the excess profits duty. The amount expected from the income tax increase appears to have been conservatively estimated. A pro rata basis should produce approximately £22,000,000, but here the Chancellor doubtless feels that if he can borrow less for defence purposes than is now contemplated, so much the better. The

Growth of Profits Tax, which was more neatly described when Mr. Lloyd George invented it during the war as the Excess Profits Duty, has not pleased the more hard-headed members on the Tory side of the House. The logic of it, however, is scarcely open to challenge, and no serious obstruction is likely to be offered. As Mr. Chamberlain pointed out, it is a complicated tax offering plentiful scope for evasion, but such evasion as may occur can only be beneficial to employees and industrial equipment. If an employer prefers to instal new plant or provide his staff with improved conditions, in lieu of permitting profits to rise to highly taxable limits, the Government is not likely to complain, for what it loses in this direction it will gain from wider spread increased purchasing power and industrial activity. The measure pleases the Socialist side of the House also because it goes some way towards meeting the accusation that no effective check has been devised by the Treasury against profiteering out of the armaments programme. As the results of working in past years are to be taken as the guide to permissible profits free of tax in 1936/37, the new imposition may be expected to overcome in some measure the astuteness of arms firms' costing experts. Interesting for a similar reason was the announcement that the income tax evaders, the one-man companies and the share-washing manipulators, are to be checkmated, and this step alone may furnish a valuable contribution to revenue "buoyancy." The City, incidentally, professes to see in the Chancellor's £50,000,000 forecast of the increase, a decision not to impede the inflationary trend. It seems safer to assume that Mr. Chamberlain, who refused to commit himself in a Parliamentary answer on this point last week, reasonably believes that the inflationary effect of £278,000,000 spent on arming the country will result in substantial Treasury compensations. When Mr. Keynes advocated a £300,000,000 public works programme in Britain some four or five years ago, he argued that at least £100,000,000 would return to the Treasury in the form of increased revenue. It is not likely that he will be proved hopelessly astray.

On the whole, it must in fairness, be said that Mr. Chamberlain has made a cautious, ingenious and politician's best of a bad job. Not that that makes it any the less a bad job. Because circumstances have served to soften the weight of the blow, the profoundly disturbing fact that Britain should be committed to such tremendous expenditure in peace time does not diminish in its implications. Some time or other a new and completer bill will be rendered.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

ANALYSIS: "In labour disputes strikes are always a clash of two different rights. You fight for the privilege of talking about how you are going to go on after it is over."
—Senator Thomas.

ISSUE: "The duty of Congress is to keep Mr. Roosevelt from destroying democracy and setting up personal government."
—Amos Pinchot.

POPULAR REQUEST: "The masses of the Chinese people are against more civil war."
—General Yu Hsueh-chung of Kansu.

What FIVE BABIES DID TO A TOWN!

A SHORT time ago, with the winter-long snow still white on the pine woods, I got off the northbound Canadian train at Callander, Ontario, and for a moment had the panicky feeling of a traveler who has alighted at the wrong station.

On my last visit, nearly three years before, when the quintuplets were tiny, swaddled side by side in a big basket near Dionne's wood stove, there was no railroad station in Callander. An old wooden coach with a tin smoke-stack through the roof served the purpose luxuriously for that remote and lonely town.

But now I found myself staring at a new brick station, with a ticket window, a ruddy fire and a wood-panelled waiting-room.

Just then a man with creaking boots came toiling down the platform behind a large baggage truck on sled-runners, laden with boxes and mailbags.

I could see the stencilled name of A. R. Dafoe on all of them.

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Oh, yes. I was at the right place—the most famous little town on earth to-day, except Bethlehem. The quintuplets, like five little brownies working in the night, had built a new railroad station.

I glanced around for an hotel. That building across the new rock road looked strangely familiar. Yes, it was the old hotel made new—shining with white paint, glass aglitter, with a remodelled lobby, I discovered, full of over-stuffed furniture.

I told the hotel clerk it was a pleasure and a surprise to find him there; that on my last visit I had been obliged to tap a rusty little bell many times stamp my feet, and finally yell.

COMPETITION STARTS . .

There were only four little musty rooms in the hotel then, and they were all leaking like packing cases in a downpour of rain.

He said that people were dropping in at all hours now—whole families of them.

The snowplough kept open the newly completed road from Toronto, 225 miles south.

Soon there would be stiff competition. A new resort and hotel were going up not far away on the shore of Lake Nipissing.

However, there would be enough business for all, what with 1,000,000 visitors expected this summer.

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Later that morning I saw Grandpa Olivier Dionne standing in the snow in front of Ken Morrison's new flourishing general store, his hands in the pockets of his plaid jacket, his little grey eyes almost hidden by the vizor of his lumber-jack cap.

He stood alone, because most of Callander's 200 unemployed men are at work—serving the brownies—building and mending roads, building new shops and houses, changing tyres for motorists.

I stared with him in the general direction of the five new gasoline

pumps of the filling station across the street.

They were bright red, and each bore the gilded name of a quintuplet.

Those pumps sold 38,000 gallons of gas last summer. The best that pumps had ever sold in Callander before the arrival of the babies was about 2,000 gallons a year.

Everything, indeed, has changed in Callander. Three years of the quintuplets have been more profitable to a greater number of people than a gold rush ever was.

Those five little Dionnes have developed into a super chamber of commerce.

They have arched the highways with signs of welcome, and completed great gaps in long-unfinished roads.

They have built innumerable cottages from North Bay to Toronto, and have sold thousands of dollars' worth of goods in a region of inactive sawmills and stagnant trade.

To Callander—the New York ticket agent asked me how to spell it a little less than three years ago—they brought more than 500,000 tourists last summer, and this summer there is every indication that they will attract double the number.

Experts believe that the quintuplets have already brought more than \$2,500,000 worth of business to Ontario.

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But the greatest change wrought by the Dionne girls has been in

the life of their guardian and second father, Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe.

When I first visited him in the early days of the quintuplets, his twenty-five years of obscure and sometimes unrewarded toil in the wilderness weighed heavily upon him.

He was very tired. He told me that he was getting old—although he was only fifty.

And then the miracle happened.

These five elves opened the door of a new world to their new man. He is in better health to-day than he has been for years. Five little baby girls have given life a meaning.

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The quintuplets are wealthy. Now, almost three years old, they are worth somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$115,000.

But they pay every penny of their upkeep.

They own the house which they live in.

Their last motion picture contract, for three stories, brought them \$62,000. Their first picture, "The Country Doctor," brought them \$12,000.

The rest of the money has come from the sale of photographs, advertisements, patent rights on their names and from gifts.

Dr. Dafoe is now world-famous—he has tremendous responsibilities.

He is the only man on whom the five little girls can depend all of the time. He is the go-between with the Government and the ever-changing politicians in all matters pertaining to the children's welfare.

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And while all business contracts with the quins are made at Toronto through the commissioner of public welfare, it is Dr. Dafoe who sees that the contracts are executed without harm to the children.

Dr. Dafoe accompanies every stranger who enters the nursery. And he turns down thousands of dollars a year which wealthy families offer for a special session with the children and the privilege of handling them.

It is only on his orders that the quints are shown even in the play-yard.

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The quintuplets are always in danger of too much love. They have narrowly escaped being the victims of greed. But through civil suits, exploitation, rows in the nursery and rows outside the nursery, through political storms and three exciting years of fame, fortune and world acclaim, the little girls have had through their lives the unbroken thread of the good doctor's love and solicitude.

If they have been the elves who changed his life, he has been the kindly heart who has saved theirs.

Listening-in To FOOD

PROBLEMS as to the way our food builds up our bodies—bones, teeth, flesh—are in process of solution.

The recently-discovered artificial radio-active elements are being used. These "broadcast" their presence. Instruments can detect minute quantities, even in chemical combination in living bodies, during the substances' brief active life of a few hours.

Professor August Krogh, of Copenhagen, is injecting radio-elements into rats.

He discovered that radio-phosphorus atoms, which turned up shortly after injection in the dentine of the teeth, were in constant exchange with salts in solution in the blood.

Further experiments may show that many atoms composing our bodies are constantly changing places in this way without the intervention of blood vessels.

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ARSENIC FOR SHRIMPS

By dosing shrimps with arsenic, research workers at University College, London, are trying to settle disputed points about evolution.

Professor R. A. Fisher told me: "Each new brood produced by our shrimps is distributed into six strengths of arsenic solution. We record how many die in each strength."

"The amount of arsenic required has advanced by a little more than 10 per cent. in each generation bred from survivors."

The experiment should show the rate of action of selection—how individuals survive by adapting themselves to changing environment and handing on the capacity for adaptation to their descendants.

It is hoped that the experiments will give a clue to the rate at which selection acts in man.

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VERSATILE RESINS

Yet another application has been found for synthetic resins that marvellous range of substances which, existing a few years ago only in the laboratory, now have many thousands of uses and form the basis of many industries.

Bakelite is the best known.

The discovery has been made in the Water Pollution Chemical Research Laboratory at Rothamsted that two synthetic resins can be used for water softening and purification.

One resin, made of a special tannin and formalin, removes the metallic parts of the salts in the water. Another, made from formalin and a coal tar product, removes the acids which remain.

When I tasted water passed through these two resins I found it

as tasteless as distilled water—and it is nearly as pure.

Many industrial uses, it is expected, will be found for the new discovery.

Other recent synthetic resin products are a transparent plastic resin, which can be used in place of glass lenses, and a synthetic wool.

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UNDESIRABLE ALIEN

Search for methods of protecting the British gourmet's asparagus from an undesirable alien is being undertaken by Ministry of Agriculture plant pathologists, working under Dr. J. C. F. Fryer, at Harpenden.

The alien is the asparagus fly, which turned up in private gardens in Hertfordshire last year.

It is gradually spreading westward from its native Central and Southern Europe, became a serious pest in the Seine Valley at the beginning of the century and was reported in Holland in 1931.

It lays its eggs in asparagus shoots and the little white grubs tunnel along the stem, spoiling the asparagus.

The Continental plans for destroying this pest—setting the asparagus between higher crops or fooling the fly by planting gum-coated sticks painted to look like asparagus—are not applicable under usual conditions.



Polly Rowles and Walter Coy are two actors who give fine performances in the New Universal's "Love Letters of a Star," a murder mystery which opens at the Alhambra to-day.



Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," is shown presenting a mustache cup for delivery to Herschel Jenkins, Georgia publisher, at the gridiron dinner of the Georgia Press Institute in Athens. The author rarely makes a public appearance, and this is one of the few newspaper pictures ever taken of her.

SCHUSCHNIGG'S MUSSOLINI AND RECENT TREND IN AUSTRIAN POLICY

Venice, To-day.

Several vital questions will be discussed when Signor Mussolini meets the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, to-day.

It is stated that the meeting will be held "within the framework of the Rome protocols," thus indicating that no change in policy by either country is contemplated.

THE AIM IS TO INCREASE ECONOMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ROME PROTOCOL COUNTRIES (ITALY, AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY).

It is expected, however, that a move will be made towards closer co-operation between the three countries and the Little Entente countries (Czechoslovakia, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania), while it is also suggested that Austria will be given facilities for sharing in the development of Abyssinia.

Whatever the outcome of the meeting, it is expected that the final communique will do little more than reaffirm the solidarity of the protocols of Rome.

and Austria, an Austro-Czechoslovak rapprochement and restoration of the Hapsburgs.—Reuter.

ROME-BERLIN AXIS

Vienna, To-day.

The Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Guido Schmidt, left Vienna last night for Venice, where he will meet Signor Mussolini to-day.

Three main questions are to be discussed—the Italian commitments in Spain and their effect on Italy's international standing, the Rome-Berlin axis and its implications for Austria, and the recent Italo-Yugo-Treaty and its consequences for Austrian trade.—Trans-Ocean.

THREE QUESTIONS

From Vienna comes a message stating that three questions are understood to form the basis of the Schuschnigg-Mussolini conversations—the relations between Italy



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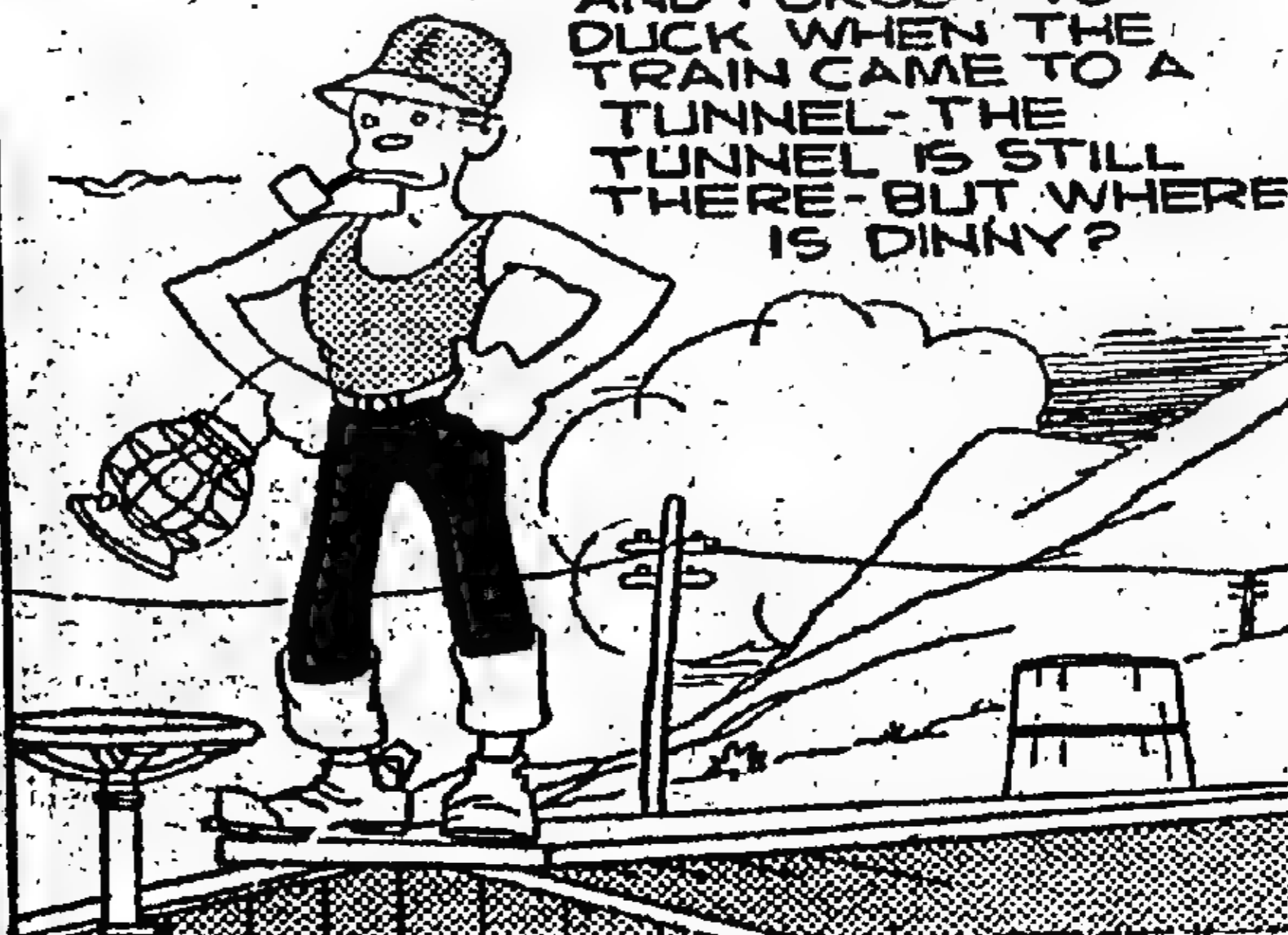
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REMEMBER, MAGGIE, HOW SHY MATTIE HARE WAS WHEN SHE CELEBRATED HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY. SHE CELEBRATED IT AGAIN LAST WEEK. SHE'S STILL SHY—ABOUT THIRTY YEARS—



AND WHEN DINNY O'VERBARI GOT A JOB AS BRAKEMAN AND FORGOT TO DUCK WHEN THE TRAIN CAME TO A TUNNEL THE TUNNEL IS STILL THERE—BUT WHERE IS DINNY?



AND THE DUGAN KIDS HANG AROUND THE R.R. AND THROW ROCKS AT ENGINEERS AND THEY COAL BACK AT THEM. THEIR FATHER WENT COAL BUSINESS

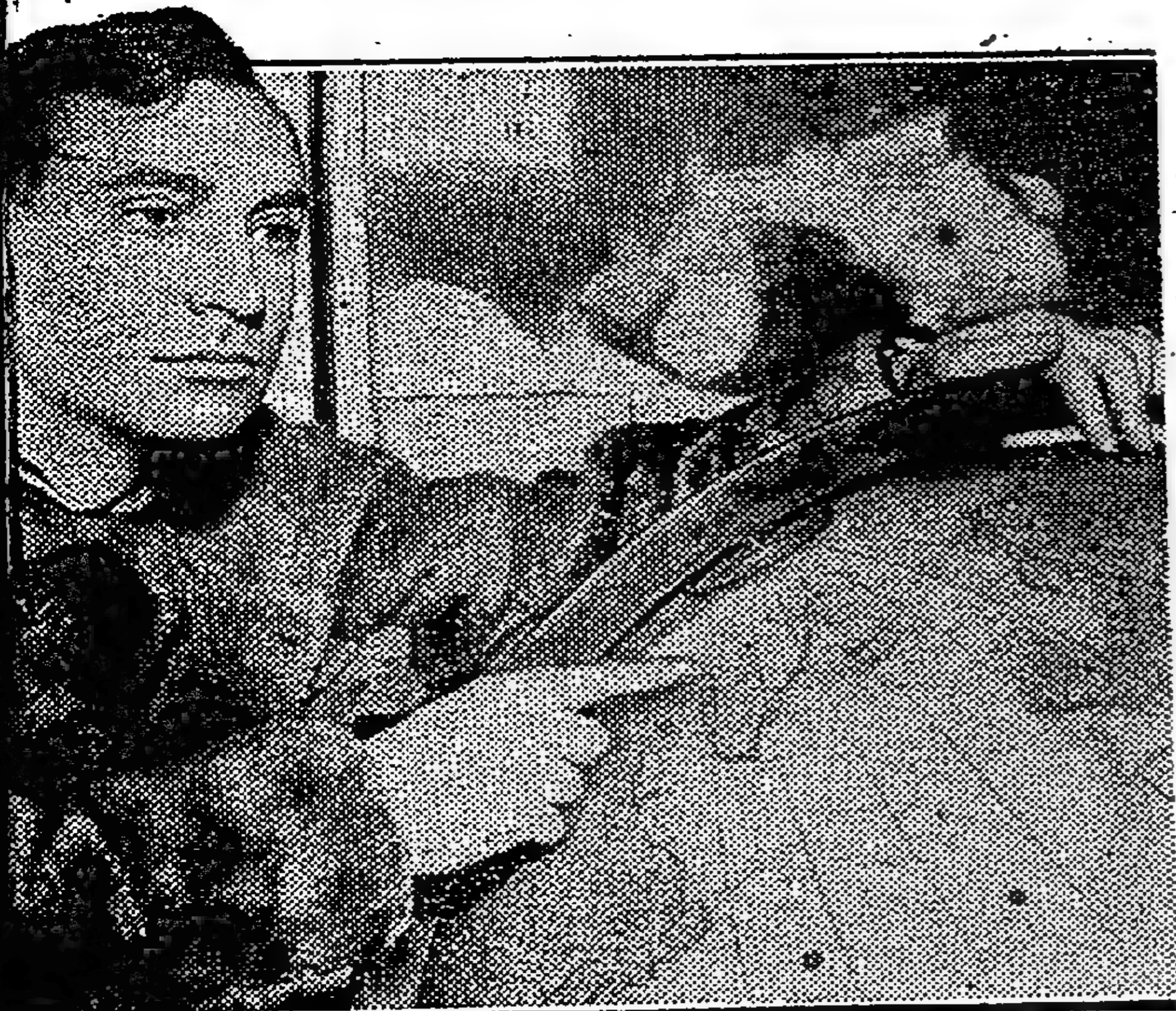


VISIT TO ROME



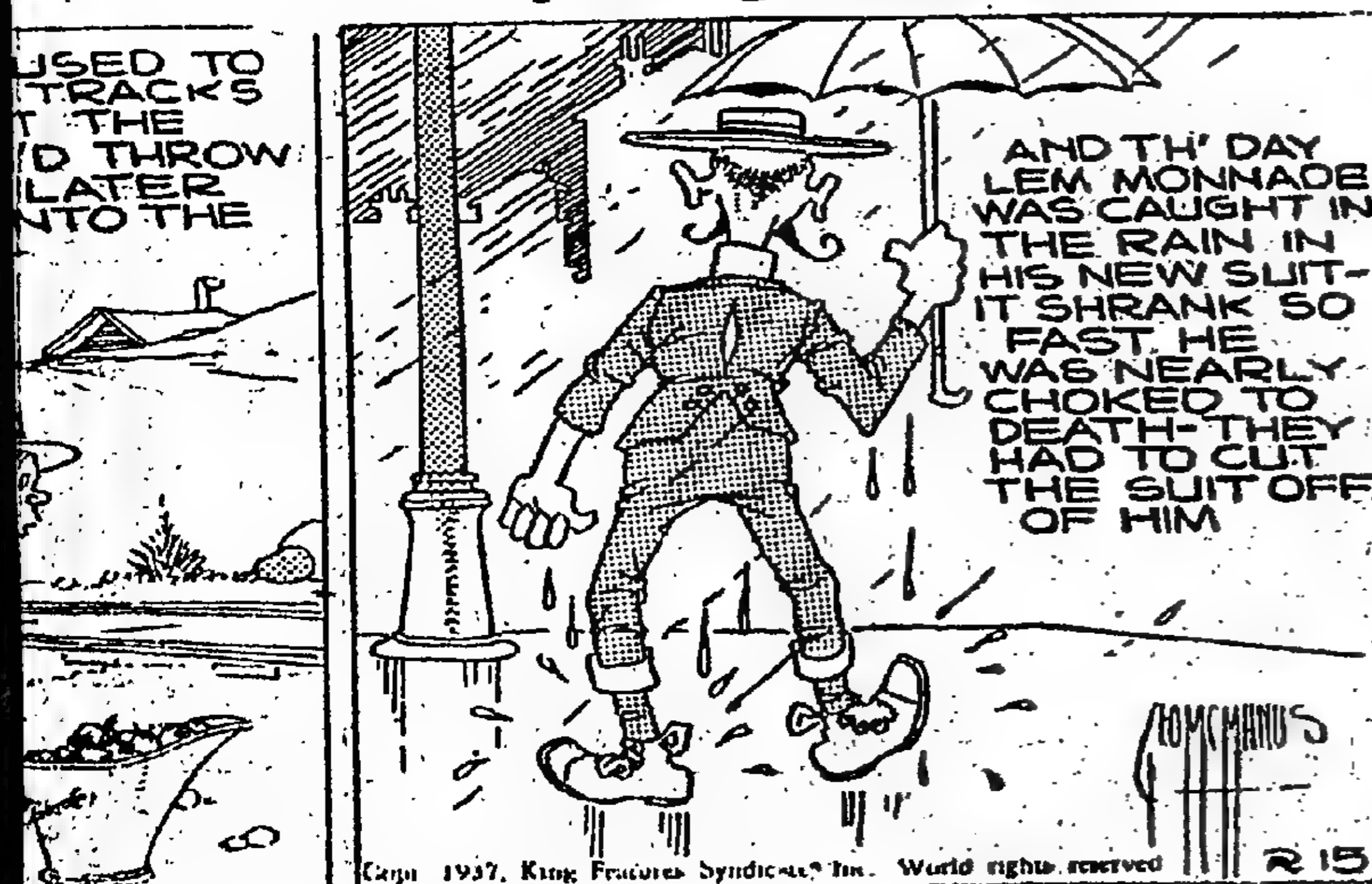
The siege of Madrid began months ago, residents of the Spanish capital have become so hardened that it no longer attracts the slightest attention. Each resident thinks he or she may be the next. Why this body lies in a Madrid street, cut down by death hurled from the skies by the rebel bombers, unnoticed and ignored until the sanitary corps comes along.

Arwin Sled Dash to North Pole



Arwin, 26, member of the Explorers' Club and hero of a 2,000-mile dash across the Arctic ice cap, is planning a similar trip for 1939 but he expects to reach the North Pole. He will also verify Admiral Peary's accomplishments.

By George McManus



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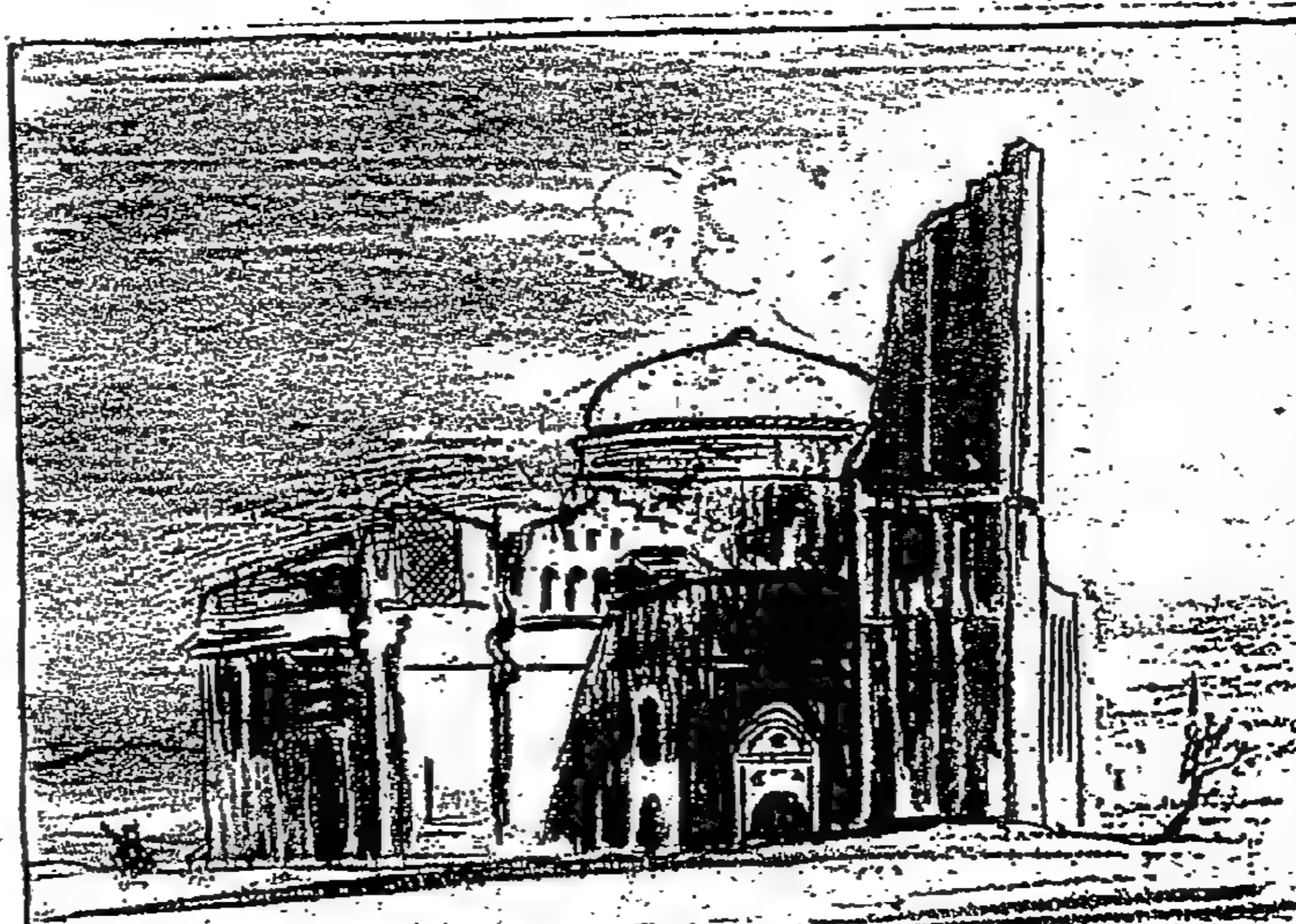
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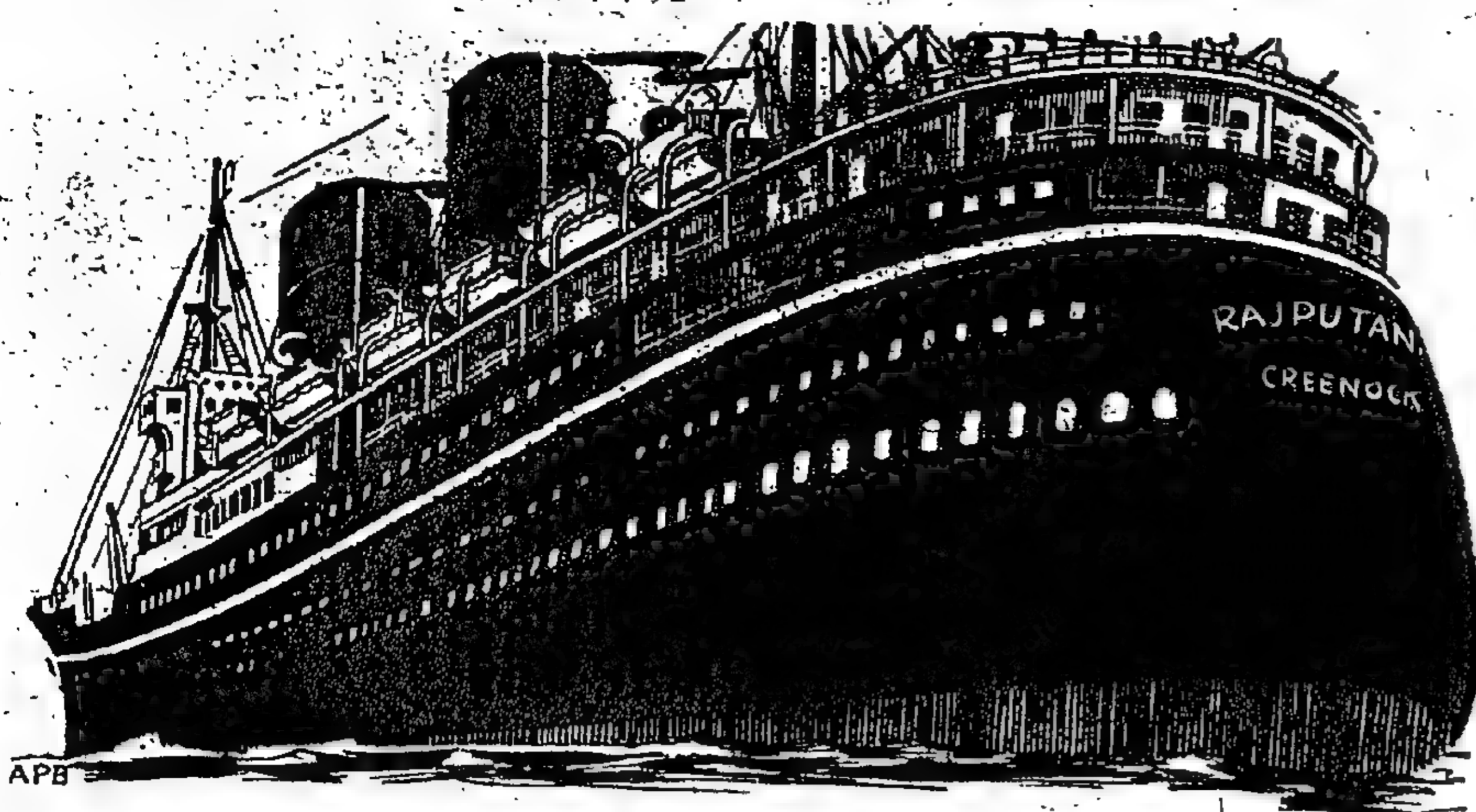
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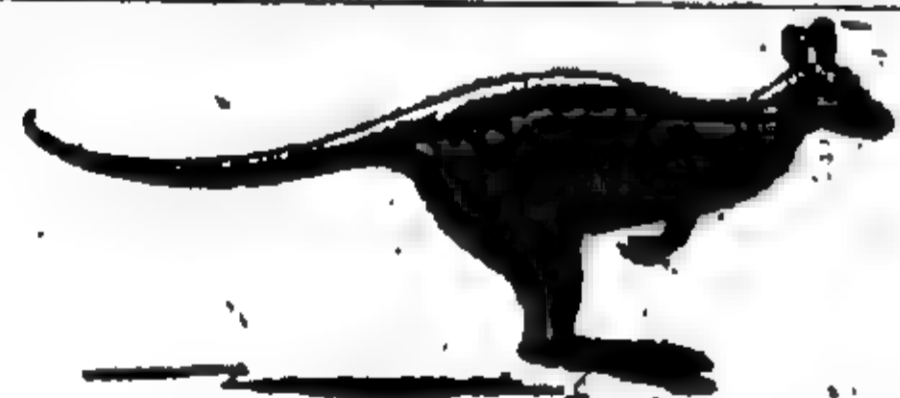
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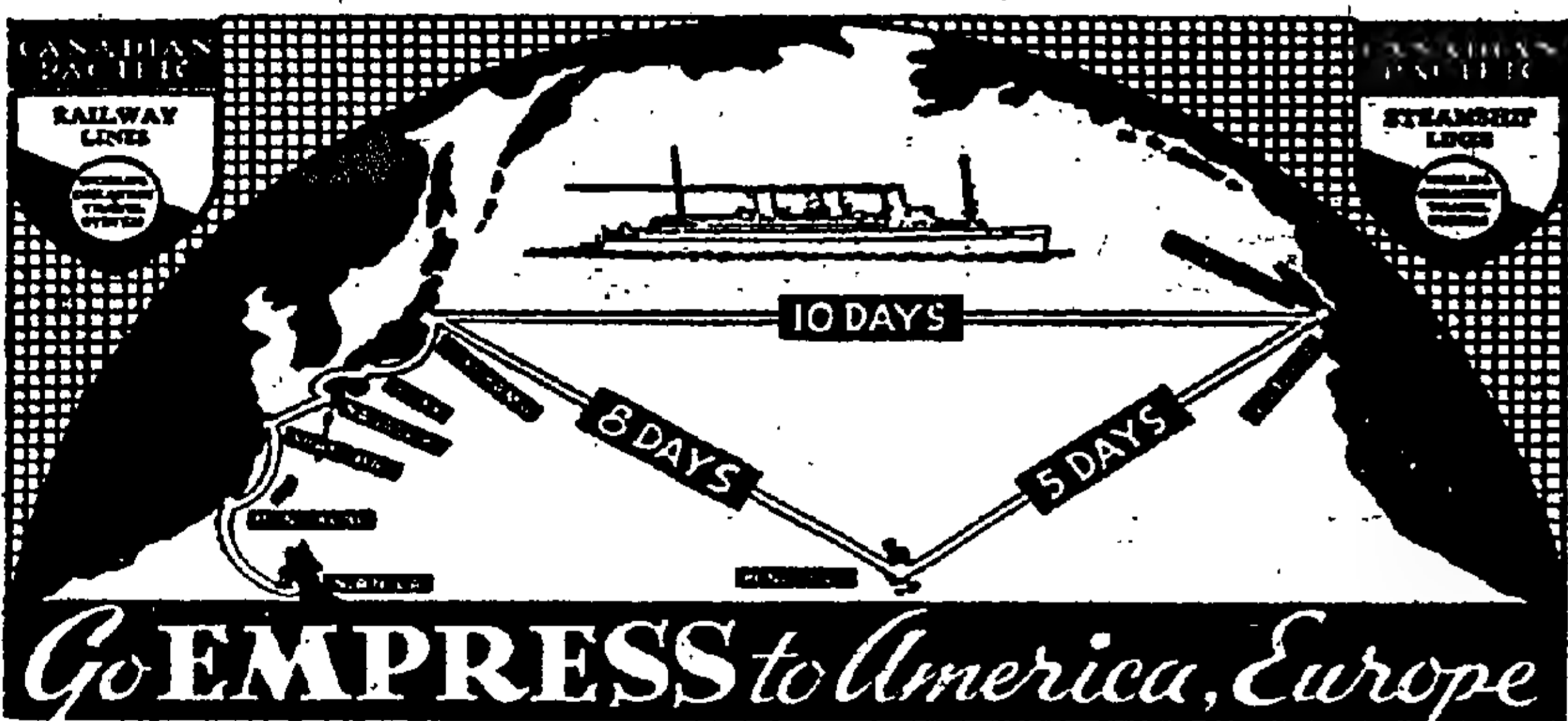
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Chinese Estates \$80 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.
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Peak Tr as (Old) \$4¼ b.
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Star Ferries \$85½ b., \$86½ sa.
China Lights (Old) \$14½ b., \$14-40½ sa.
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H. K. Electrics \$60½ b., \$60/60½ sa.

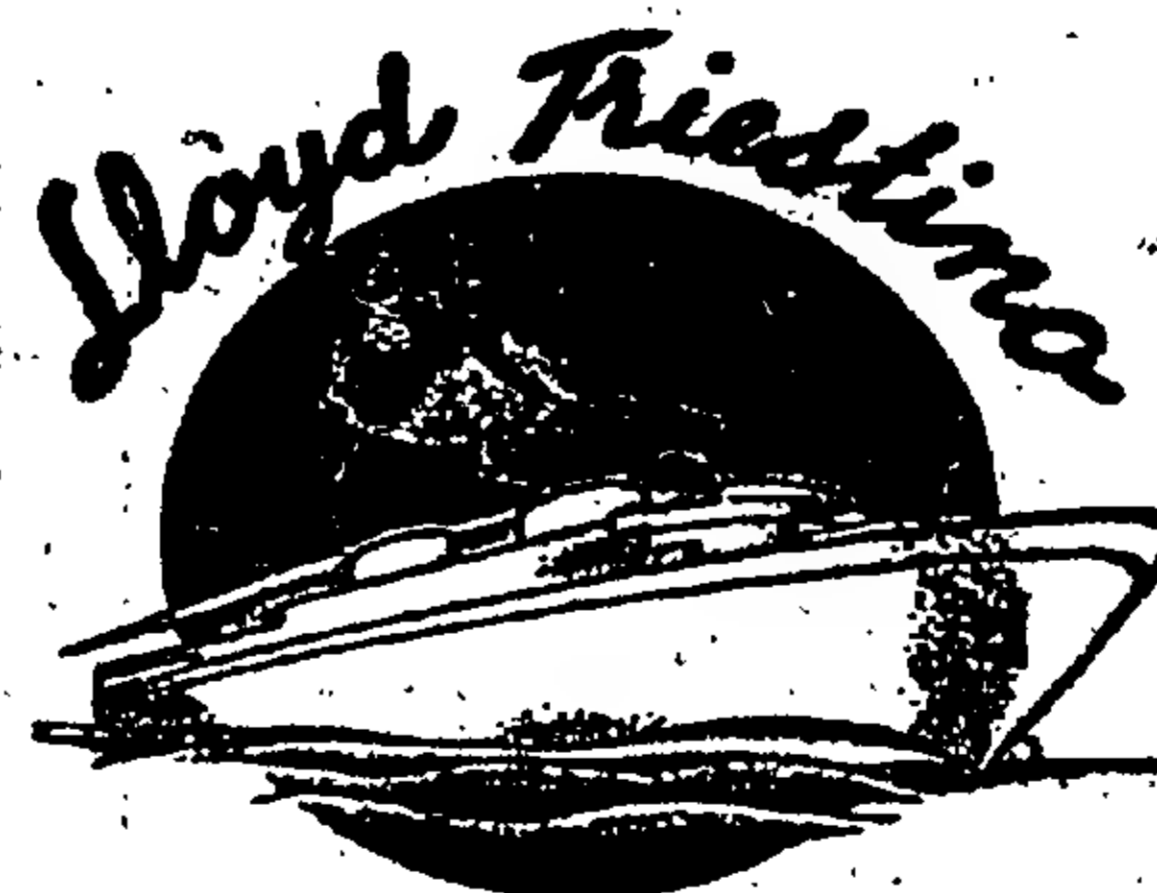
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Violent Strike Scenes in Maine

Auburn (Maine) To-day.
Four companies of the National Guard have been mobilised following a riot in which police hurled tear gas shells into a crowd of 1,000 striking shoe workers—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

London Silver Prices

The dollar opened on demand to-day at 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20-1/2 and "forward," at 20-9/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9285 and the New York on London cross-rate at 4.93-1/2.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Spot 39-½ b. Up 1-7/8.

May/June 39-7/8 b. Up 1¾.

July/Sept. 40 b. Up 1¾.

Oct./Dec. 40 b. Up 1¾.

Market: Firmer Tendency upwards.

RICE PERMITS AUTHORISED

Canton, To-day.

It is officially reported that Mr. Wu Te-chen, Governor of Kwangtung, has instructed the Food Control Committee to issue permits for foreign rice to enter duty free to-day. The amount of the first instalment, however, is limited to 1,000,000 piculs.—Our Own Correspondent.

CABLE COMPANY INDEX FIGURE

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company's index figure for March this year, representing estimated monthly traffic receipts, shows an increase of 6.0 compared with the February level.

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NO CHANGE IN CHINA'S SILVER POLICY

The 21st annual review of the Silver Market for 1936, always a useful and informative document published by Handy & Harman, London, traces the course of silver through its various eventful phases.

"Needless to say, the United States Government has been the main support of the market, and the arrangements made by it this year to absorb Canadian and South American newly-mined silver and to acquire stocks from the Chinese Government produced a good psychological effect as well. Second in importance as a buyer has been India, and the level of the London market has unquestionably been determined by orders from this source. From time to time purchases have also been made in London to satisfy American trade requirements. China and Hong Kong have proved to be the main sources of supply, as selling by the Continent was limited, but offerings have been augmented occasionally by re-sales. Speculative operations, chiefly for Chinese and Indian account, have alternately strengthened and depressed the market."

Supplies From Hong Kong

Referring to the situation in China, the report relates that supplies of silver from China and Hong Kong exceeded the total of newly mined metal, a repetition of the situation which occurred in 1934. Handy and Harman estimate the amount at 320 million ounces, and this figure includes not only exports from China and Hong Kong, but also shipments from Japan, in excess of this country's production and deliveries made in the London market from stocks on hand there prior to 1936.

Silver smuggling from China during the past year, the report goes on, has been comparatively unimportant, the highest estimate received by Handy and Harman being some 30 million ounces during the first eight months.

"Instead of such illegal supplies constituting the chief source of Chinese sales, as was the case during the last quarter of 1934 and most of 1935, the Government itself has been the principal seller in 1936, and official exports of silver, largely coined from the port of Shanghai, totalled nearly 192 million ounces between January 1 and November 30," the report states.

Chinese Currency
A tribute is said to the stability of the currency system of the Chinese National Government.

"Under the present currency system of China, silver is no longer necessary as a reserve, although the Government has agreed to maintain in silver a sufficient proportion of the total reserves to equal in value at least 25 per cent.

of the note issue. Nor is silver necessary as a circulating medium for payments within the country. We are told that the public in China has acquired so much confidence in the legal tender notes of the Government banks that they are no longer metallic-minded.

"If the proposed new token silver coins should be minted, which has not been done as yet, the public will be fully prepared to accept them, not as silver coins but as coins whose value is largely fiduciary.

"As to the old silver coins which have so far not been surrendered to the Government since the nationalisation order was proclaimed, their circulation is impossible because they cannot now be freely transferred either by individuals or through the agency of banks. According to advices from Shanghai, the chances of silver again becoming the Chinese monetary standard are very remote, and will depend upon what arrangements the United States may desire to make with China.

"As the possibility of competitive devaluation of world currencies is not yet entirely removed, it is inconceivable that China will again commit herself to a silver standard without some definite understanding with the United States, which is the only other important country still using silver as a part of its reserve."

No Change In Policy

Handy and Harman are not able to state the quantity of silver still remaining in China but understand that the 25 per cent. reserve will be rigidly maintained. "Unquestionably a huge amount of silver is still hoarded by the people in the interior provinces such as Szechuen, Shansi, Shensi, and so forth, but any estimate would be guess work." The firm does not see any departure by the Chinese Government from the present currency programme.

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UNINSPIRING TENNIS SEEN

(By "ADREM")

EIGHTEEN spectators, apart from the umpire and linesmen, were present on the Stand Court of the Hong Kong C. C. yesterday to see the commencement of the first Semi-Final of the current tournaments, when E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung entered the Final of the Open Doubles event at the expense of Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun by scores of 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

THE MATCH LASTED A BARE 35 MINUTES AND AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE BEST TENNIS IN HONG KONG, WAS PATHETIC. THE LOSERS, EVIDENTLY OVERAWED BY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OCCASION, AT NO TIME COULD DO ANYTHING RIGHT AND THEIR OPPONENTS HAD TAKEN THE FIRST 12 GAMES WITHOUT EVER LOOKING LIKE BEING CHECKED, BEFORE THE ROT WAS STOPPED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT AND LUI KWAI-FUN WON THE FIRST GAME OF THE THIRD SET ON SERVICE.

It is obviously unnecessary to comment on the play of either Lui Kwai-fun or Wong Fuk-nam, the score is sufficient indication of their form. Suffice to say, on their showing yesterday, they would have found it difficult to have taken a set off any average "C" Division League combination!

H. D. RUMJAHN SHOULD WIN AGAINST F. H. KWOK

To-day's Semi-Final Round Tie CHINESE WEAK ON BACK-HAND

(By "ADREM")

This afternoon's tennis tie between H. D. Rumjahn and F. H. Kwok in the Semi-Final of the Colony Singles Championship, promises to be fairly interesting. Kwok can hardly be expected to win as he has not the strokes, or experience of "H. D.", but if in form, he should offer enough resistance to make the game worth watching.

Kwok is not a pretty player, but he is more than a little effective, especially if he is able to bring his left-handed forehand drive into operation.

I am a little doubtful of his backhand, however, and if he is at all pushed, I am inclined to think that "H.D." will make this wing the basis of attack prior to net advances.

FOR FINAL

Rumjahn is almost certain to reach the final if his display against Leong Ping-chiu, in the previous round, is any criterion, but he can be expected to have a harder fight this afternoon than he has experienced in his advance to his present position.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Colony Open Singles
F. H. Kwok v. H. D. Rumjahn (stand court).
Club Handicap Singles
H. Owen Hughes (-15) or A. K. Mackenzie (+1.6) v. F. V. Harrison (-3.6) or V. R. Gordon (scr.).
Club Handicap Doubles
R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce (-2.6) or G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane (-15.3) v. F. G. Nigel and R. King

It is difficult to gauge the potentialities of the winners on yesterday's game. Being in a winning position all through, they could naturally afford to bring out all their big guns and their game was flattered as a result. Fincher was again the better of the two and gave a really masterly exhibition of stroking and courtcraft.

I particularly liked the manner in which he picked up drives at his feet and the way in which he returned the most awkward of shots.

DEADLY OVERHEAD

Hung's service was deadly, and he was devastating overhead. His backhand was sound and his forehand, evidently benefitting from a prolonged knock-up before the game, was much better than for some time.

On an adjoining court, an unadvertised match was played which produced a much better brand of tennis. The Rumjahn cousins beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios 6-3, 6-4 to qualify to meet Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong in the other Semi-Final, to be played next Monday.

Both pairs indulged in hard hitting and the play at times was quite entertaining. The Rumjahns' experience stood them in good stead, however, and they were never in any danger.

Open Doubles—Semi-Finals

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

Quarter-Finals

S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios 6-3, 6-4.

Club Singles Championship

A. L. Sullivan beat G. W. Sewell 6-2, 6-4, 9-7; M. Pagh beat G. E. R. Divett 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Handicap Singles

F. V. Harrison beat V. R. Gordon 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles

A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis beat F. G. Nigel and R. M. M. King 6-1, 6-2.

(+4.6) or E. P. H. Williams and L. R. Andrews (+3.6) or A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis (+15).



W. C. Hung, above gave a masterly display overhead yesterday when he and Teddy Fincher entered the Final of the Colony Open Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship in defeating Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun in straight sets.

SOUTH CHINA "B" DEFEAT EASTERN

Indifferent Play At Caroline Hill

LOSERS FAIL TO STAY PACE

Playing carelessly after the interval South China "B" were almost defeated by Eastern Athletic Association, who, after scoring three goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half to level the scores, were eventually beaten by 5 goals to 3 in the First Division of the football League at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The Eastern players at times displayed some excellent ball-control but were much too slow in covering ground.

Lai Ting-choi, in goal, was not fit for the position, being slow in anticipating the movements of the opposition attackers.

S. CHINA SCORE

Lee Shek-yau, South China's left-winger, scored the first goal after receiving a well-judged pass from Chan Tak-fai, their centre-forward. Cheuk Shek-kam, at inside-left, followed up with a fast shot soon afterwards to net their second goal. Their third goal was scored by Chan Tak-fai just before the interval.

Displaying more zest Eastern, were brilliant in front of goal, scoring three goals within 10 minutes from the start of the second half.

EASTERN RETALIATE

Chan Chung-yin, at inside-left headed the first into the net. This was followed by another goal by Soong Ling-sing, their leader, who scored as the result of careless play by the South China backs. Fong Chiu-sheung, at inside-right, headed in Eastern's third goal to equalise.

Realising their recklessness, South China rallied strongly and netted two additional goals through Chan Tak-fai to secure the points.

South China "B":—Wong Wah-kai; Tong Kwan and Chung Chi-yung; Lau Tin-sang, Henry Young and Lau Chung-sang; Yeung Shiu-yik, Yuk Hon-wu, Chan Tak-fai, Cheuk Shek-kam and Lee Shek-yau.

Eastern Athletic:—Lai Ting-choi; Ng

SEAFORTH'S DEFEAT RECREIO

PORTUGUESE MISS STAR PLAYERS

SPIERS SHINES AT FULL-BACK

Fielding practically a Second Division side, Recreio did very well to lose by only 3 goals in their First Division soccer encounter against the Seaforths at Sookunpoo yesterday.

The soldiers dominated the play in the opening half, and had Recreio penned in their own territory for the greater part of the period.

The soldiers scored their three goals before the interval, but in the second period, Recreio rallied well and had most of the game. They had several chances to score, but bad shooting or slowness robbed them of these opportunities.

MANY ABSENTEES

Recreio were without the services of A. V. Gosano, N. Beltrao, C. Remedios and Alves, but the reserves acquitted themselves well. V. Riberio, at left back, was prominent with good tackling and clearances.

In the forward line, Gaan displayed good ball control, but his lack of weight and height was a handicap. His passes to the win-

Yesterday's Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION

S. China 'B'	5	Eastern	3
(Chan Tak-fai 3, Cheuk Shek-kam and Lee Shek-yau)		(Soong Ling-sing, Chan Chung-yung and Hong Chiu-sheung)	
Seaforths (McGuigan 2, Ayres)	3	Recreio	1
Kowloon (Blake 2,)	2	(Gomes). St. Joseph's (Hagen).	1

gers were good but he was too inclined to pass when well placed for a shot.

SOUZA SHINES

U. B. Souza, in goal, was safe and stopped some hard shots during the first half. His anticipation in clearing high centres, and his positioning were marked features of his display. In the second half, he was not kept so busy, but saved two certain goals when he left his charge to take the ball from Ayres and Samson.

In the Seaforths' team, Spiers, at left back, was prominent with first-time kicking, while in the intermediate Williamson, at right half, was outstanding. He had Alves and Gomes well watched and plied Adams with numerous passes.

POOR SHOOTING

McGuigan and Ayres were the pick of their forwards. The latter was seen in some neat movements with Wilmot, but his shooting was not up to the mark. Ayres indulged in some hard shooting and was unfortunate not to score more often.

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Yiu-kai and Tsang, Chung-wan; Lee Bing-tong; Cheung Kwok-choi and George Yeung; Lee Wai-lam; Fong Chiu-sheung, Soong Ling-sing, Chan Chung-yin and Hau Ching-to.

V.R.C. IN SOUND POSITION

ROWING SECTION
NEGLECTED

PLEA FOR MORE MEMBERS

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was held yesterday evening in the club house, when, as pointed out by Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Chairman, there were only two points in the annual report which could not be classed as eminently satisfactory. The points were the falling off in membership, and the condition of the rowing section, which is not receiving the degree of attention it once commanded.

Sir Atholl stated in his speech:—

The report is eminently satisfactory in all except two points—you will see that the membership is down, and I hope that you all will try to induce others to join; and the condition of the rowing section is not entirely satisfactory and not receiving the support which we would like to see it receive.

We have again a substantial balance on the working account which, though smaller than last year's balance, is very satisfactory since its decrease is due to two factors, the payment of a considerable typhoon damage bill and a falling off in the bar account owing to no night fetes being held last year. It may be necessary for the incoming committee to consider the revival of night fetes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was then proceeded with.

While the result of the balloting was waited Sir Atholl in a short speech remarked:

I feel that I am only voicing the opinion of all when I say that we should like to have recorded in the minutes how greatly this club deplores the untimely departure of Sir Andrew Caldecott and how cordially we hope both Sir Andrew and Lady Caldecott happiness and prosperity. (Applause).

Further, it has always been our boast that we may count on the the Governor as our President, and so I suggest for a few months until Sir Geoffry Northcote arrives, when I feel sure he will honour us by becoming our president.

CHAIRMAN RE-ELECTED

Sir Atholl, on the Proposal of Mr. F. W. T. Ross, was re-elected Chairman, while Mr. H. Hyndman, hon. treasurer, and Mr. D. F. Lopss hon. secretary, were also re-elected for another term.

The nine committeemen elected were:

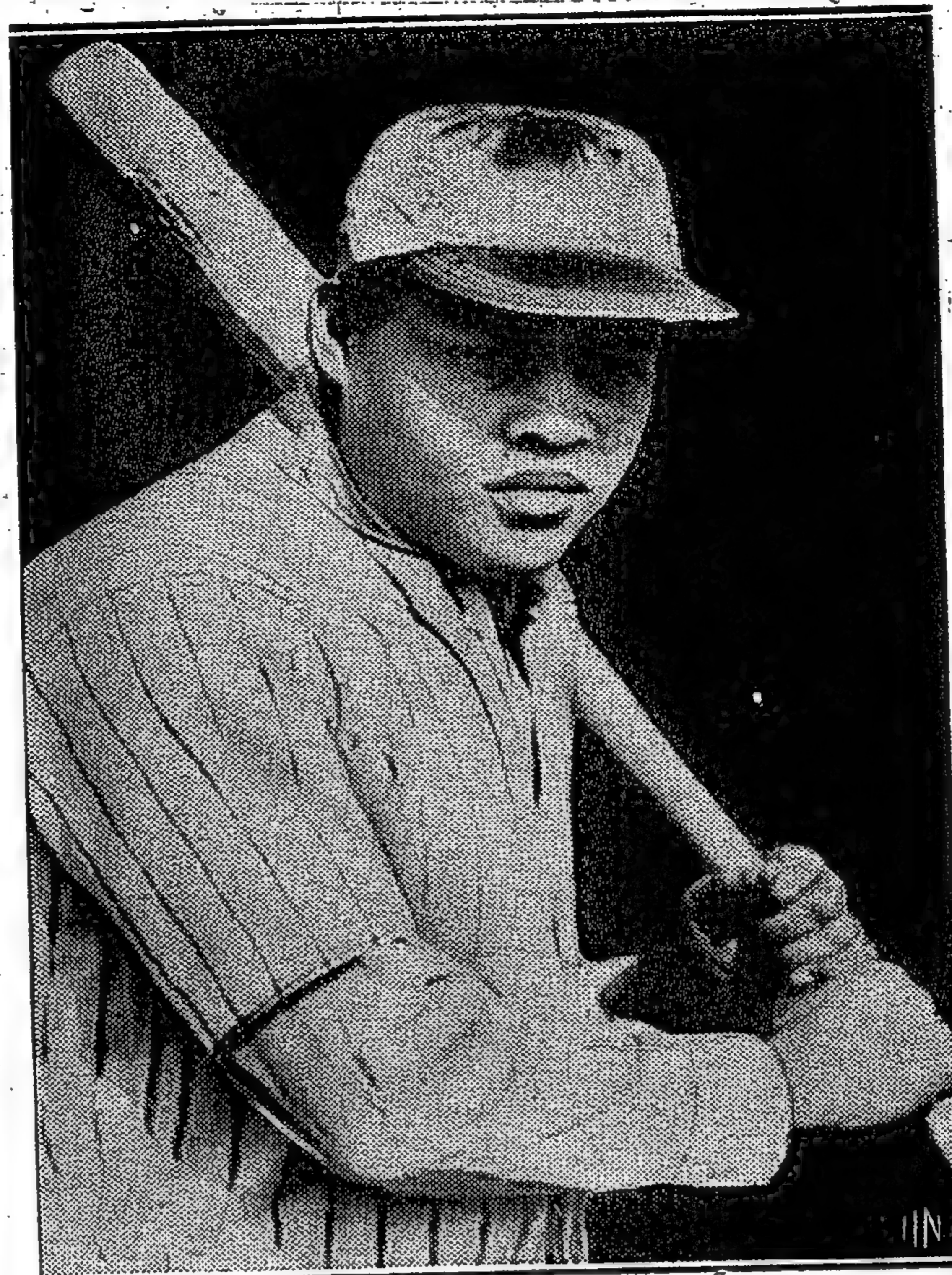
Messrs. F. W. T. Ross, C. E. Roza Pereira, G. A. Agabeg, F. X. D'Almada e Castro, jr., L. Roza Pereira, D. Liang, O. W. Bower, W. L. Clark and D. Lyon.

The balloting committee elected comprised:

Messrs. J. A. Victor, A. A. Guterres, C. L. Lopes, T. McMahon, J. Neves, L. G. Silva, E. da Roza, J. M. M. Alves, D. Montralto and W. Lawrence.

CITY AND SUBURBAN WON BY WILLIAM OF VALENCE

London, Yesterday.—The City and Suburban, run at Epsom today over a mile and a quarter, was won by the topweight, William of Valence, which was backed at 11



Joe Louis, the "Black Bomber" who will probably meet James J. Braddock, the present world heavyweight boxing champion, on June 3, has taken very keenly to baseball and is a great supporter of the Detroit Tigers.



Miss Dorothy Round, above, former Wimbledon champion, won the Herga Club Ladies Singles Championship in defeating Miss Mary Heeley, her doubles partner.

COLONY SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

The following matches in the Colony Snooker Championship have been arranged for next week:

MONDAY

E. A. dos Remedios v. C. Strange (Kowloon C. C.); 9 p.m.; W. Stafford v. J. E. Noronha (Catholic Union), 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

E. A. Noronha v. A. J. Osmund (R.N.Y.P. Canteen), 9 p.m.; G. M. P. Remedios v. L. V. Antonio (C.P.O. and P. O. Rec. Room), 9 p.m.

to 4 while Rippon Tor (Lowrey) was second, beaten by 3 lengths. Edgehill (E. Smith) was third, a head behind. There were 15 starters.

FUSILIERS' BOXING SUCCESS

Seaforths Lose At Shamshuipo

SEVEN KNOCK OUTS FEATURED

Exciting boxing bouts were seen at Shunshuipo Barracks last evening, when the Royal Welch Fusiliers, in sustaining only three defeats, beat the Seaforth Highlanders in the Open Team, Inter-Unit semi-final round, of the Hong Kong Area Boxing Championships.

The following were the results:—

BANTAM WEIGHT

Fus. Fisher (R.W.F.) beat Pte. Black (Seaforths) on points.

FEATHER-WEIGHT

1st String: L/Cpl. Bowell (R.W.F.) beat Pte. Hipkiss (Seaforths) on points.

2nd String: Fus. Jones (R.W.F.) beat L/Cpl. Jague (Seaforths) on a technical knock-out.

3rd String: Fus. Bray (R.W.F.) knocked out Pte. Butters (Seaforths).

FEATHER-WEIGHT

1st String: Fus. Owen (R.W.F.) beat Pte. Green (Seaforths) on points.

2nd String: Fus. Raven (R.W.F.) beat Pts. Cpl. Morgan (Seaforths) on a technical knock out.

WELTER-WEIGHT

2nd String: Fus. Davies (R.W.F.) knocked-out L/Cpl. McDonald (Seaforths).

3rd String: L/Cpl. Roberts (R.W.F.) knocked-out Pte. Ross (Seaforths).

4th String: Pte. Moir (Seaforths) knocked-out Fus. Davies (R.W.F.).

MIDDLE-WEIGHT

1st String: Cpl. Weaver (R.W.F.) knocked-out Cpl. Reilly (Seaforths).

2nd String: Fus. Thyer (R.W.F.) beat L/Cpl. Munro (Seaforths) on points.

3rd String: Sgt. Grindley (R.W.F.) knocked-out Pte. Walker (Seaforths).

LIGHT HEAVY-WEIGHT

L/Sgt. Matheson (Seaforths) beat Fus. Bagby (R.W.F.) on points.

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BRADDOCK RECEIVES COURT ORDER

NEW LOUIS FIGHT MOVE

SCHMELING SAYS — "WE MUST MEET"

New York, March 29.

The next move in the efforts to prevent Jim Braddock, the world heavyweight champion, from meeting Joe Louis, the coloured boxer, will take place tomorrow. Braddock will accept service of a court order, requiring him to show cause why an injunction to restrain him from fighting Louis should not be given.

It was stated yesterday that the order had been served at Braddock's home at New Bergen, N.J., but Joe Gould, his manager, said later that the papers had been given by mistake to Gunboat Williams, a former sparring partner of Max Schmeling.

Williams imagined that he was the intended victim of a hold-up when the papers were served on him. He jumped into a car and drove to the police station to report the incident.

MUST MEET SCHMELING

Later.—James J. Braddock was today served with a summons requiring him to show cause, on April 5 at the local Federal Court, why an injunction should not be granted against the holding of the projected Braddock-Louis fight at Chicago on June 22.

The Madison Square Garden, who are applying for the injunction, have asked for Braddock to be prevented from engaging in any major contest, and particularly the fight against Joe Louis, "unless and until he shall have rendered services as a boxer in a contest with Max Schmeling, of Germany, to be held on or about June 3."

BIG GATE

The Garden authorities estimated that the Braddock-Schmeling bout would draw a gate of \$30,000, which would yield to the Garden profits of more than \$20,000.

Max Schmeling, ex-heavyweight boxing champion of the world, arrived in Plymouth in the Queen Mary on his way to Germany for a holiday. He said he would be returning to America late in April to prepare for his fight with Braddock, the present champion.

"We fight in America and there are no plans for me to fight elsewhere," he added. "I should like to fight Joe Louis in England, but nothing has been arranged."

SEAFORTHS DEFEAT RECREIO

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The soldiers took the lead when Ayres scored from a free kick, and McGuigan placed his side further in the lead when he scored twice in quick succession. After the interval, the Portuguese did most of the pressing and J. Gomes reduced the lead.

Seaforths:—Thompson; Webster and Spiers; Williamson, McCusker and Cook; Adams, Ayres, Samson, McGuigan and Wilmot.

Recreio:—U. B. Souza; C. Marques and V. Riberio; R. Maxwell, B. Gosano and V. Marques; V. Garcia, H. Campos, M. Gaan, J. Gomes and Alves.

HEAVY-WEIGHT

Cpl. Craig (Seaforths) beat Fus. Frimson (R.W.F.) on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT

1st String: Fus. Morgan (R.W.F.) knocked-out Pte. Dooney (Seaforths).

HUDDERSFIELD SECURE FIRST WIN

London, March 31.
A victory at last for Huddersfield Town—their first in 1937. It was as pleasing in performance as result, because as they played against Derby County they could face any team in the country with confidence.

Derby defenders were hard pressed all through the first half, and in the second if Huddersfield had not slackened they might have won by more than two goals. Chivers and Beasley, the wingers, were the outstanding attackers, and Barclay, who scored the goals, made some clever openings for them.

HOME SOCCER MARKSMEN

London, March 29.—Harston, of Mansfield, leads the goal-scoring lists in the four divisions of the English League with a total of 45 goals, while Bowers, of Leicester, and Payne, of Luton, are second with 39 goals each. McCulloch, of Brentford, leads the First Division marksmen with 29 goals.

The following are the leading goal-scorers in the four divisions:

FIRST DIVISION

McCulloch (Brentford)	29
Steele (Stoke)	27
Carter (Sunderland)	25
Astley (Derby)	24

Dean (Everton)	23
Glover (Grimsby)	22
Drake (Arsenal)	20
Fenton (Middlesbrough)	20
Mills (Chelsea)	20

SECOND DIVISION

Bowers (Leicester)	39
Broome (Aston Villa)	28
Finan (Blackpool)	27
Martin (Notts F.)	26
Morrison (Spurs)	26
Ponting (Chesterfield)	26
Dodds (Sheffield U.)	20
Smith (Newcastle)	20

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Payne (Luton)	39
Allen (Northampton)	29
Gallacher (Notts C.)	23
Stephens (Brighton)	22

FOOTBALL INVASION

Ostend, March 30.

No fewer than 80 British football teams have invaded Ostend for Easter games. Other British teams are visiting various parts of Belgium to include a couple of games in their holiday.

At Ostend the contingent of football players was considered so important as to justify a mass reception at the Town Hall by the Municipal Council. With their friends, they numbered over 1,000.

Williams (Exeter)	22
Cookson (Swindon)	21
Riley (Bournemouth)	21

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football League and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M'chester C. (9) WwWww	40	20	15	1	4	52	19	34	20	6	6	8	41	39	20	54				
Arsenal (6) ddWlW	40	20	10	1	9	43	20	29	20	8	6	6	37	31	22	51				
*Charlton (-) WWlWd	40	19	13	1	5	34	10	31	21	7	9	5	21	36	19	50				
Derby (4) DIdlW	40	20	13	4	3	58	34	29	20	6	8	6	33	47	18	47				
M'dlesboro' (14) ddWl	40	19	14	0	5	48	17	33	21	5	13	3	24	35	13	46				
Brentford (5) IdlWl	40	20	14	2	4	46	22	32	20	4	10	6	24	33	14	46				
Sunderland (1) dWlWd	41	21	17	2	2	54	22	30	20	6	9	5	23	52	15	45				
Portsmouth (10) DWlWl	40	20	13	4	3	40	28	29	20	4	9	7	21	35	15	44				
Grimsby (12) LlWw	40	20	12	5	3	56	30	27	20	4	12	4	23	46	12	39				
Preston (7) IdWwL	41	21	9	6	6	39	20	24	19	4	8	7	19	38	15	39				
Chelsea (8) DIdLl	40	20	10	4	6	34	23	26	20	3	11	6	16	32	12	38				
Birmingham (12) wDwDl	40	19	8	5	6	33	21	22	21	4	9	8	27	36	16	38				
Huddersfield (3) dWdLl	40	20	11	5	4	37	15	26	20	1	11	8	13	43	10	36				
Stoke (4) DIdWd	39	20	10	4	6	26	24	26	19	1	13	5	16	36	7	35				
Everton (16) LDIdD	40	20	11	2	7	46	19	29	20	2	16	2	23	45	6	35				
Wolves (5) DWlWw	40	20	14	3	3	56	23	31	20	5	11	4	21	42	14	35				
W. Brom. (18) WlWl	40	19	9	4	6	36	11	24	21	3	14	4	24	53	10	34				
Liverpool (19) WlWl	40	19	9	4	6	36	24	24	21	3	15	3	23	53	9	33				
Bolton (13) dWwD	40	21	6	9	6	23	33	18	19	4	8	7	21	28	15	33				
Manchester U. (-) IdDdWd	41	20	8	3	9	28	23	25	21	2	10	3	20	45	7	32				
Leeds (11) IdWlWl	40	20	12	5	3	36	20	27	20	1	18	1	15	53	3	30				
Wednesday (20) dWlWl	40	20	9	9	2	32	29	20	20	1	11	8	20	24	10	30				

Second Division	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Blackpool (10) WldDw	41	19	13	3	3	45	21	20	22	11	8	3	42	31	25	54				
Bury (14) WlWl	41	21	12	5	4	41	20	28	20	10	8	2	31	31	22	50				
Leicester (6) DLwWw	40	20	13	3	4	58	30	30	20	9	7	4	35	33	22	52				
Plymouth (7) IdDdW	40	20	14	4	2	39	23	30	20	6	7	7	28	28	19	49				
Newcastle (8) LwWw	41	21	10	8	3	44	23	23	20	11	7	2	35	39	24	47				
Sheffield U. (3) WwWl	40	20	15	2	3	43	11	33	20	3	11	6	20	35	12	45				
Fulham (9) IdWl	40	20	11	5	4	37	25	26	20	5	10	5	28	33	15	42				
*A. Villa (-) IdDlL	40	20	11	5	4	45	26	24	20	7	7	6	33	25	20	44				
Tottenham (5) IdWdL	40	20	12	3	5	50	26	27	20	5	10	5	28	33	15	42				
West Ham (5) DddWw	40	20	12	3	5	34	15	27	20	4	10	6	21	22	14	41				
*Coventry (-) dLWlL	40	20	11	4	5	34	15	27	19	4	9	6	21	22	14	41				
*Blackburn (-) lWwWl	40	21	11	6	4	50	28	26	19	5	9	5	16	22	15	41				
*Chesterfield (-) WdLlL	40	21	13	5	3	41	32	29	19	3	11	5	28	51	11	40				
Burnley (15) DdWlW	40	21	11	5	5	35	33	27	19	4	11	4	18	47	12	39				
*Barnsley (9) wDwWl	40	20	11	3	6	32	28	28	20	3	14	3	17	34	9	37				
Norwich (11) WlWl	40	20	7	7	6	27	27	20	20	5	11	4	20	36	14	34				
S'mpton (17) IdWlD	40	21	10	4	7	34	21	27	19	2	14	3	16	41	7	34				
Swansea (13) IdLlL	40	20	8	8	4	30	24	20	20	1	15	4	19	49	6	32				
Notts F. (10) IdWlW	30	20	9	5	6	28	23	24	20	2	14	4	25	48	6	32				
Bradford C. (12) HlWl	41	21	8	5	8	30	27	24	20	1	14	5	18	60	7	31				
Doncaster (15) WlWlD	40	21	6	9	6	16	29	18	19	1	15	3	11	54	5	23				

Third Division South	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Notts C. (9) WwWlW	40	20	15	2	3	44	20	33	20	8	5	7	28	25	23	56				
Luton (2) WdWl	40	20	17	1	2	47	21	36	20	8	10	2	32	38	18	54				
Brighton (7) WlWlW	40	20	13	2	5	46	17	31	20	6	7	7	18	24	19	50				
Watford (15) WdWlL	40	21	15	3	3	44	16	33	19	5	8	6	28	34	16	49				
Reading (3) WlWlW	40	20	13	3	4	46	20	30	20	4	9	7	21	34	18	48				
Millwall (12) IdWlD	40	19	12	5	2	34	23	26	21	7	7	7	29	36	21	47				
B'mouth (8) dWwWdW	40	21	16	2	3	40	15	35	19	7	11	5	16	35	11	46				
Southend (18) WdWlD	39	20	10	3	7	41	22	26	19	8	8	3	23	29	19	45				
Queen's Pk. (4) LhLw	40	20	11	7	2	39	25	24	20	6	8	6	18	23	18	42				
Nort'pton (15) dWlWl	40	20	14	3	3	51	18	31	20	4	14	2	24	40	10	41				
Gillingham (16) HlWlW	39	19	13	2	4	32	19	30	20	4	13	3	45	16	11	41				
Clapton (11) DIdLd	39	19	9	3	7	25	18	25	20	3	10	8	21	32	14	39				
*Bristol R. (-) WlWlD	40	20	13	4	3	45	20	29	20	3	16	1	18	50	7	36				
Swindon (19) IdWdWl	40	20	12	5	3	51	22	27	19	1	11	7	23	44	9	36				
Crystal (6) dLwDl	40	20	10	3	7	41	23	25	20	1	14	5	13	39	7	34				
Bristol C. (13) LlWd	39	19	13	5	1	36	25	27	20	2	15	3	15	46	7	34				
Cardiff (20) WlLlW	40	20	8	8	4	29	21	20	20	5	12	3	21	43	13	33				
Walsall (-) dLdWw	39	20	10	9	2	32	31	22	19	2	11	6	25	44	10	32				
Torquay (10) LwDlL	40	21	9	10	2	43	34	20	19	3	11	5	12	36	11	31				
Newport (21) WlWlL	39	21	8	7	6	35	28	22	18	3	12	3	27	65	9	31				
Exeter (22) DIdWd	40	20	7	8	5	27	38	19	20	2	12	6	20	43	10	29				
Aldershot (11) dIdLl	40	20	4	10	6	22	28	14	20	2	15	3	18	30	7	21				

Third Division North	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	W	L	Goals				Pts	P	W	L	Goals				Pts	TL		
					D	F	A							D	F	A				
Lincoln (4) WWwdl	.40	20	17	2	1	60	20	35	20	7	5	8	35	37	22	57				
Stockport (5) DWlWlw	.40	20	15	1	4	54	18	34	20	8	5	7	20	19	23	57				
Chester (2) DWlWlw	.41	20	16	1	4	60	19	36	21	7	11	3	25	37	17	52				
Oldham (7) WWlwW	.39	20	13	2	5	45	22	31	19	8	7	4	36	41	18	49				
†Hull (-) IdLdL	.40	20	10	4	6	31	20	26	20	5	8	7	26	40	17	43				
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Carlisle (13) WldWd	.40	19	12	3	4	46	16	28	21	6	13	2	25	35	14	42				
Hartlepool (8) lLWdD	.39	19	14	4	1	36	20	29	20	3	11	6	21	49	12	41				
Wrexham (18) WlWwLw	.41	21	11	7	3	43	15	25	20	4	8	8	31	34	16	41				
Halifax (18) WWdLWd	.40	19	9	5	5	34	15	23	20	7	9	4	26	43	18	41				
Mansfield (19) lWlWl	.40	21	11	8	2	48	24	24	19	5	8	6	21	36	16	40				
Accrington (9) lWlWw	.39	19	12	5	2	42	23	26	20	5	11	4	15	34	12	40				
York (16) DWdIW	.40	20	11	6	3	43	25	25	20	4	10	6	24	52	14	37				
N. Brighton (22) lWlWl	.40	20	10	3	7	34	22	27	20	3	13	4	20	52	10	37				
Southport (21) DllWl	.41	21	10	5	6	37	38	26	20	3	14	3	31	52	9	38				
Rotherham (11) lWlWl	.40	19	10	3	6	46	23	26	18	3	16	2	23	57	8	34				
Parrrow (15) WwlWl	.40	19	9	5	6	47	22	28	20	14	14	4	26	57	8	34				
Gateshead (14) IDlLwl	.41	19	8	5	6	49	28	22	20	4	14	2	17	43	10	32				
Tranmere (3) lldlW	.41	21	10	5	6	43	16	26	20	2	17	1	17	47	7	32				
Crewe (6) LwdLl	.40	19	7	6	6	26	26	20	21	3	15	5	30	53	11	35				
Rochdale (20) LlWd	.40	20	11	7	2	42	28	24	20	0	13	7	25	54	7	31				
Darlington (12) wLWdD	.39	20	6	6	8	41	45	20	19	2	11	6	24	37	10	30				

LEVINSKI LOOKED THE NOVICE

COULD NOT HIT
YOUNG BOXER

CRUDE SWIPING IN TRAINING

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, March 31.

A more extraordinary gymnasium boxing display I have never seen than that of King Levinski, the American heavy-weight, at Taplow, yesterday, during his training for his fight with Jack Doyle at Wembley next Tuesday.

As a swiper he is cruder than the crudest of novices. There was not the slightest pretence of boxing; nor did Levinski stop to remember that this was merely a sparring match.

Against a novice from Wales named James—he has reached the semi-final of the Wembley novices competition—Levinski fought like an enraged bricklayer, lashing his fists with the most woeful waste of energy.

NOVICE UNHURT

The novice, James, took it all with contemptuous calm. Not a single serious blow landed on him during the two rounds, the most damaging being a few round-arm slaps to the body with the side of the glove.

James, himself, found time to shoot a left heavily to the face, with ease, and moreover had the audacity to pin Levinski once or twice with a right to the jaw. The stranger might have been forgiven for asking which was the star and which the novice. Logically, he would not have been wrong if he had taken Levinski to be the novice.

With Alf Robinson, who has emerged from the novice stage during the past year, Levinski was no more successful, except that Robinson rarely attacked him, but was content to avoid or block the punches aimed at him.

IF HE HITS DOYLE'S CHIN—

I will say this: if Levinski hits Doyle on the chin with one of his enormous punches the fight will cease there and then. Levinski, though crude, has some speed, but I doubt whether he knows himself when he is going to hit out, or in what particular direction.

To a man such as Doyle, who has moments of contemplation and mental inertia, this American may be

BRUGNON DEFEATS SCHROEDER

International Tennis
Won By France

Algiers, March 31.—Karl Schroeder, Swedish holder of the British covered courts singles title, was beaten in the men's singles quarter-finals of the international lawn tennis tournament held here, by Jacques Brugnon, the veteran French player, by 9-7, 6-2.

The final of the tournament was won by Christian Boussus, who beat Andre Merlin, his fellow Davis Cup player, by 6-3, 6-2.

14 CLUB LIMIT FOR GOLFERS UNLIKELY

Secret Inquiry
Result

STRIKING IRISH CLUB FIGURES

London, March 31.

The proposal of the Royal and Ancient Club to limit the number of clubs carried by golfers to 14 has led to a secret inquiry by the Golf Club Secretaries' Association.

In view of the result of this inquiry, I doubt whether the R. and A., despite America's insistence, will introduce the proposed restriction on January 1 next.

More than 200 clubs have made returns. They prove that of a total membership of 81,000, only 563 players carry more than 14 clubs. The percentage is 0.7.

HIGHER PERCENTAGES

Higher percentages are revealed in the figures of some of the leading clubs, as shown, below:

	Members	Over 14 clubs
Wentworth	1,100	65
R. West Norfolk	550	20
Sunningdale	850	17
Camberley Heath	500	20

The contrast afforded by the Irish club, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, is striking. Out of the small membership of 240, no fewer than 12 carry more than the suggested limit.

dangerous. But although he has met the best in America, he would never lay a glove on Len Harvey or any other heavy-weight who can box.

Still, he carries the possibility of an unpleasant surprise, and his fight with Doyle should at least be entertaining.

BIG HOCKEY ENCOUNTER FOR TO-DAY

C.B.A. And Radio In
2nd Meeting

The second of the series of three matches to decide the championship of the Mamak Hockey Tournament will be played on the H.K.S.R.A. Marina ground at 5 o'clock this afternoon, between the Central British Association and the Radio Sports Club.

The latter won the first match last week by one goal to nil, on the U.S.R.C. ground.

C.B.A.—J. J. King; Flight-Lieut. Wallace, V. Bond; R. Blyth, B. I. Bickford, E. Fowler; W. H. G. Hirst, S. Fowler, G. H. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley and S. MacNider.

Radio S.C.—Rocha; G. Clarke, Kalwant Singh; J. Singh, M. Hanib Hassan, M. Singh; T. Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Awtar Singh, J. Wall and Karnail Singh.

RAIN RUINS BASEBALL PROGRAMME

High Scoring Win
For Browns

New York, To-day.

Rain was responsible for the postponement of the entire National League Baseball programme yesterday, while only one game was played in the American League, this being featured by surprisingly high scores.

The St. Louis Browns secured their first win by clouting 15 runs in 22 hits, Hornsby and Cliff scoring four-baggers, while Chicago White Sox replied with 10 runs in 17 hits.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago	10	17	0
St. Louis	15	22	6

The following games were postponed: National League—Philadelphia and Boston; New York and Brooklyn; St. Louis and Cincinnati; Pittsburgh and Chicago. American League—Washington and New York; Boston and Philadelphia; Cleveland and Detroit.—Reuter.

CRACK WOMEN SWIMMERS TO MEET

Miss Ouden's Last
Race

Amsterdam, To-day.

Considerable surprise has been caused here by newspaper reports that Willy den Ouden, Holland's crack woman swimmer, is to give up the sport.

She will make one final appearance before her retirement, however, when she will swim against Ragnhild Hoeger (Denmark) on May 8 in a 300-metre free style race.

Reason for the retirement of Miss den Ouden, who at one time held eight world records, is her inability to keep up regular training.

She has intimated, however, her desire to participate in spring board diving and relay events.—Trans-Ocean.

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(Sd). T. H. KING,
Inspector General of Police.
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 1937, until WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. C. GUTERRES.
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1937.

SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 24th April, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.20 p.m.

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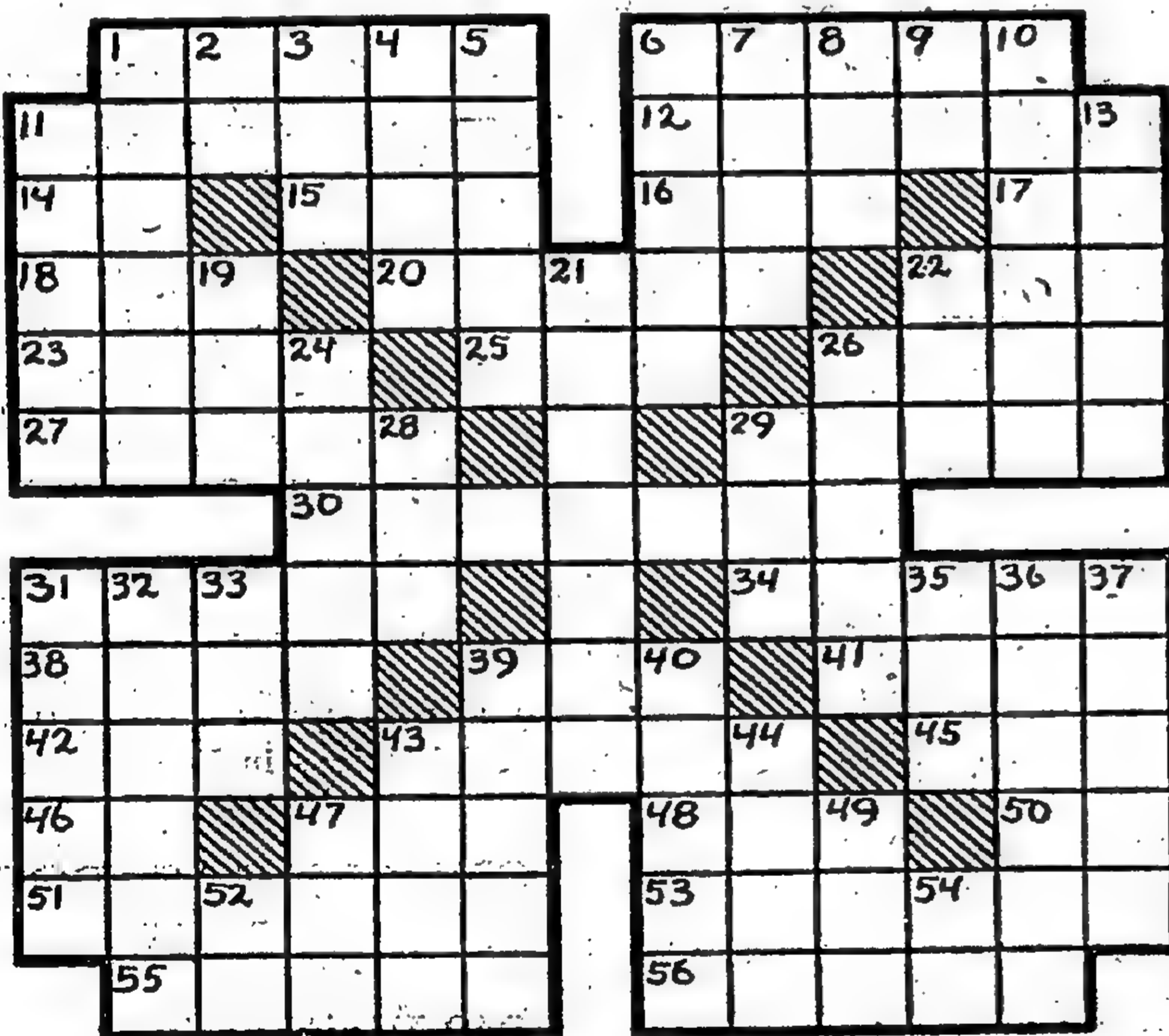
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1-Clique
6-English street cars
11-Heavenly body
12-Laps again
14-Behold
15-A beverage
16-Consumed (abbr.)
17-That is (Lat. abbr.)
18-Serpent
20-Ceases
22-A compass point (abbr.)
23-Abound
25-A naval title (abbr.)
26-Long grass stem
27-A mistake
29-Tinges
30-Mends
31-To anticipate with horror
34-Wish for
38-Stagger
39-Deep hole
41-To sling around
42-Sick

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
43-Army
45-Fifty-four
46-Jumbled type
47-A pastry
48-Sailor
50-A compass point (abbr.)
51-Cuts
53-Rubber
55-Eats
56-Satisfied
VERTICAL
1-Nearer
2-Musical note
3-An insect
4-Looks
5-Affirm
6-Shares
7-Soaks, as flax
8-A beverage
9-Mother
10-Antique musical instrument

VERTICAL (Cont.)
11-Piece of china
13-Plants
19-By
21-Province of Canada
22-Even (contr.)
24-Honest
26-Ascends
28-Crimson
29-Attempt
31-Falls in drops
32-Trusted
33-A fish
35-The whole
36-Demolished
37-Not at any time
39-Iron
40-Carries (colloq.)
43-Fatigue
44-Kind of rubber
47-Enclosure
49-A rodent
52-Six
54-A compass point (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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- 4 One Egyptian Nimy Pat, Dish
- 5 8 Thessalian Bread Plates
- 6 Opaque Genevise China Plates
- 7 Bosphorus Blue Pat. Plates
- 8 Chin Lung Water Plate
- 9 Blackwood Curio Cabinet
- 10 Blackwood Joss Table
- 11 Large Blackwood Tray & Stand
- 12 Marble Top Opium Stool
- 13 Portable Gramophone
- 14 Table Model Gramophone
- 15 Kodascope Projector Model C
- 16 Small Cabinet Victrola
- 17 Kodak Film Tank No. 2 1/2
- 18 Re-built Underwood 10"
- 19 Old Rex Typewriter 16"
- 20 Early Ming Scroll
- 21 Collection very old Coins
- 22 Concert Banjo as new
- 23 Blackwood 4-fold Screen
- 24 Electric Table Fans
- 25 Verity Ceiling Fan
- 26 Various Electric Switches
- 27 Seal Stamp Embosser
- 28 Small Writing Desk Teak
- 29 Saludar Water Filter
- 30 Gateleg Dining Table
- 31 White Enamel Sink
- 32 Enamel Bath Tub & Taps
- 33 Large Roll-top Desk
- 34 Teakwood Office Desks
- 35 Large Chest of Drawers
- 36 Child's Dresser with mirror
- 37 Single Iron Bed complete
- 38 Ladies' Dressing Table
- 39 Small Chest of Drawers
- 40 Solar Electric Hair Drier
- 41 Blackwood Centre Table
- 42 Large Bronze Statue
- 43 Automatic Door Closer
- 44 Quantity Old Gramophone Records
- 45 Large Bar Wall Mirror
- 46 Pair Leaded Glass Doors
- 47 Painted Rattan Set
- 48 Radio Cabinet Shell
- 49 Teak Armchair Rocker
- 50 Glass Door Cabinet
- 51 Small Wardrobe with Mirror
- 52 Electric Office Desk Lamps
- 53 Spartan L/M wave Radio
- 54 Philips HT Supply Unit
- 55 Pathe 905 Movie Camera
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Col. Beck's Visit To Bucharest

Warsaw, To-day.
Colonel Beck, who will arrive in the Rumanian capital to-day, will be received by King Carol.

He will then spend three days conferring with the Rumanian Premier and Foreign Minister.

The Polish press is stressing the necessity for maintaining the closest co-operation between the two countries, which are already allied by a military pact.

Marshal Pilsudski, the late Dictator of Poland, says one paper, was always greatly in favour of close friendship with Rumania.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH BID FOR TRADE PACTS

With Denmark And Poland

Paris, To-day.
French economic experts are conducting negotiations with Polish and Danish representatives with the object of concluding new trade treaties.

Negotiations with Poland, it is stated, are proceeding satisfactorily and an agreement will be concluded shortly. The only question still outstanding is the subject of Polish immigration into France.

The Franco-Danish talks, however, are said to be meeting with some difficulty.—Trans-Ocean.

H.M.S. BERWICK SAILS

H. M. S. Berwick, of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, left Hong Kong this morning for England, flying the paying-off pennant.

On board the cruiser were contingents of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who are returning to Singapore after taking part in the local Combined Manoeuvres, which were held last month.

The Berwick will remain in Penang for the Coronation festivities, after which she will depart for England for refit and recommissioning.

MIXED DOUBLES FINAL

The Final of the H.K.C.C. Handicap Mixed Doubles will be played on the Stand Court on Tuesday, 27th April, between G. Polglase & Mrs. R. M. Wood and A. L. Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan.

Forthcoming Marriage

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. George Michael Gillard, restaurant manager, of No. 110, Boundary Road, Kowloon Tong, and Miss Sophia Efinoff, of the same address, has been announced to take place soon.

It is officially announced that Germany has cancelled the ban on the "Neue Freie Presse" and two other Austrian newspapers in return for the lifting of Austria's prohibition of the German "Frankfurter Zeitung."

More than 3,000 officers and men of the Royal Navy landed at Plymouth when battleships and destroyers returned from exercises in Spanish waters.

SCANDINAVIAN DEFENCE BLOC

FINLAND JOINS THE ALLIANCE

JOINT BROADCAST

Helsingfors, To-day.
"The Scandinavian States are now united in a solid bloc and, now that Finland has joined the group, they constitute a strong political factor in North Europe."

So declared a broadcast address in four languages last night by the Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland, who have just concluded a conference in the Finnish capital.

All indications point to favourable development of trade between the four countries, declared the Swedish Foreign Minister.

The question of a northern defence union has not been settled but the Danish Foreign Minister stated in his broadcast that the northern countries could not become self-sufficient in an emergency.

This seems to indicate that the Scandinavian countries, while willing to co-operate economically, are finding it difficult to reach a military agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

CLIPPER'S RUN TO HONG KONG

BRITISH CONSUL AT INAUGURATION

San Francisco, To-day.
When the Pan-American "China Clipper" left for Hong Kong at 3.15 yesterday afternoon on its inaugural flight the British Consul participated in the ceremony inaugurating the new service connecting the United States with China.

The Consul congratulated the company on its achievement and wished the passengers God speed on behalf of Britain.

The new service will connect up with the Imperial Airways route from Hong Kong to Malaya.—Reuter.

LOCAL CEREMONY PLANNED
It is notified that the Pan American Airways' "Hong Kong Clipper" is due to arrive, on her first regular flight to Hong Kong, at Kai Tak Aerodrome at about 11.55 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28.

On arrival at Kai Tak, the Captain and officers of the airplane will be received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at a brief ceremony to which representatives of the Government, the Services, local aviation and allied concerns, and leading members of all sections of the community will be invited.

Invitations will be issued as soon as details of the ceremony are completed, and special accommodation will be reserved for invitees.

There will also be accommodation for any members of the general public who may desire to witness the ceremony.

Palestine Situation Improves

London, To-day.
The situation in Palestine is satisfactory, declared the Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Ormsby Gore, in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

The British and Jewish police forces, he declared, had been reinforced and were quite equal to their task.—Trans-Ocean.

Mary Llewellyn Off Again

London, To-day.
The British freighter "Mary Llewellyn," whose captain has gained considerable notoriety during the past few days by his repeated efforts to run the rebel blockade of Bilbao, has again sailed on an effort to reach the besieged port.

Instead of calling at the port of Dijon, where control officers are stationed to inspect all ships for Spain, the skipper ignored the non-intervention committee rules.

Some reports say that although mystery surrounds the whereabouts of the "Mary Llewellyn," she is making for the port of Alicante.—Trans-Ocean.

KOWLOON G.C. CORONATION COMPETITION

Souvenir Cup To Be Awarded

The Kowloon Golf Club intends donating a Souvenir Cup to the winner of the Coronation Trophy competition, and a suitable souvenir to the runner up.

The competition will commence with a qualifying medal round over 18 holes, the 16 best net scores to qualify for match play.

Entries will close on May 2, partners will be drawn for qualifying round, which must be completed by the May 16, 1937.

ITALY FOLLOWS SUIT

In Launching Anti-Jew Drive

An attack on Jews, on the ground that they are in latent conflict with Italy's Imperial destiny, in the Rome newspaper "Il Tevere" has caused surprise in Rome.

People were given to understand that such attacks would cease.

Not long ago the foreign Press gave prominence to the fact that two Jewish shopkeepers were flogged at Tripoli because they refused to open their shops on Saturdays, thereby defying a decree promulgated by Marshal Balbo, Governor of the province. The incident made a stir in Jewish communities all over the world.

Authoritative officials in Rome assured the foreign Press that these isolated cases were not an indication that Signor Mussolini had instituted a new policy of anti-Semitism, and for some time the Fascist Press confined its criticism of the Jews within reasonable bounds.

"Il Tevere's" attack may mean a recrudescence of anti-Jewish opinions among certain sections of the Fascist Party. Such attacks could be immediately stopped by the Ministry for Press and propaganda which controls all the output of newspapers in Italy.

On the other hand, "Il Tevere" belongs to that section of Fascist newspapers which must carry on campaigns against some foreign nation, institution or person, if its sales are not to drop.

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Franc Fall Worries Holland

Amsterdam, To-day.
Dutch financial circles are regarding the latest developments in the position of the French franc with a certain amount of pessimism. The further fall in the franc rate during the last two or three days is taken to mean that the French financial situation has not sufficiently improved as result of the defence loan.

It is pointed out that public funds held by the Banque de France have increased by only 3,500,000,000 francs, whilst the remainder of the defence loan, a sum of 4,500,000,000 francs, has probably been spent.

Another ominous factor, say Dutch financial circles, is the way in which prices in France are soaring.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON GAS PROOF ROOM

242 Visitors in A Day

The opening of a gas-proof room, where instruction is given on what to do in the event of an air raid, by the City of London Corporation has proved to be of public interest.

A reporter who visited the premises, in Aldermanbury, was informed by the St. John Ambulance officer in charge that since the room was opened, the daily attendance of the public had ranged from 30 to 242.

In addition to City workers, there had been a considerable number of visitors from the provinces, including several municipal officers. The room will be open to the public free until further notice.

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MR. EXPERT

Mrs. Cutter had caught her husband—hook, line, and sinker. All she wanted him to catch was a tarpon

GUS ROCKFORD stirred uneasily in the bed. His face was flushed and there was a bronchial wheeze in his speech. Ziba Ryder, sitting in the chair by the window of the little bedroom, lifted a protesting hand.

"Don't you try to say another word," he ordered. "I can handle her all right. She's got the same make of engine in her that my boat up home has and she can't put on any trick that I haven't run afoul of afore. You leave it to me, Gus."

His friend was, obviously, not yet entirely convinced. "Oh, yes, sure, Ziba," he said; "and it's doggone good of you. The only thing is—well, you ain't never caught a tarpon."

"I'll have to own up to that. But, consarn you, Gus, don't you forget that I landed a three-hundred halibut all by myself when I was alone in a dory and twelve mile from the highest land. Besides, it ain't goin' to be me that be doin' the fishin'. If a tarpon is hooked—and, judgin' by the luck you and me have had the times we've been on the river tryin', one won't be—if he is, it won't be me that has aolt of him; it'll be this Butter man—or Cutter, or whatever his name is. And he's one of them experts, you say."

Rockford shook his head. "'Twas his wife that said it. She phoned me from the hotel at Sante and engaged the boat. I warned her that the fish hadn't begun to run in the river yet, although 'twas long past time. Didn't make no difference; her husband would catch one, she was sure. So I took the job for tomorrow, the first fifteen-dollar job I've had in a fortnight, and now here I am flat on my back. Doggone the luck!"

"Well, that's where I come in, ain't it? I can handle your boat, and Cutter can handle the tarpon, if there is any. Him and me'll have a fine day of it and you'll get fifteen dollars. What more do you want? See you after me and Mr. Cutter and seven or eight ton of tarpon—maybe—land to-morrow night. So long—and get well."

The following morning was clear, warm, and sunny, as Florida mornings in early April usually are. Ziba was aboard the Good Day, Rockford's twenty-foot motor launch, by seven-thirty. He had spent an hour the previous evening making sure that everything was shipshape.

Sitting in one of the two chairs which the boat provided for the comfort of its fishing patrons, Ziba lit his pipe, smoked, and reflected. This winter he was on a vacation. The long seige of illness which he had endured during November and December had been the cause, and Hettie, his married daughter, and Dr. Parker, the Orham physician, had made the decision for him. "You can afford it, Father," said Hettie. "Clear out and go South, where it's warm, and stay there long as you've a mind to."

So go he did. He landed at Tampa, stayed there a while; then boarded a bus and travelled down the coast. A chance acquaintance who owned a car offered him a ride along the river shore as far as Palmetto.

Ziba—in Orham they called him "Cap'n Zibe" liked Palmetto

at first sight. It was not crowded. Its tiny hotel was but a boardinghouse, and Ziba hated hotels, whereas, as Hettie took a few boarders in the summer, he was used to boardinghouses.

He soon made the acquaintance of Gus Rockford. Rockford was thirty-four and a Florida "cracked," Cap'n Zibe was fifty-one and a "Down-East Yankee," but the pair took a fancy to each other. Gus invited him out on the Good Day prospecting for the tarpon which should be in the river but were not—as yet.

By Joseph Lincoln

And now, here he was, about to take out a fishing party, just as he did day after day in the summertime, but now in charge of another man's craft, in strange waters, in search of a kind of fish he had never caught or even seen caught.

It was well after eight-thirty when a large and glittering motor-car rolled down to the lane leading from the main road and drew up in the boardinghouse yard. A liveried chauffeur alighted and opened one of the rear doors. Two people got out, a woman and a man. The woman was tall and, as Ziba would have described it, fleshy. Like the automobile, she was massive and imposing.

But the man with her—Cap'n Ziba gasped when he saw him. Was this his passenger, this little, thin, meek, sawed-off individual, with the ribboned eyeglasses and the fussy little mustache? Was this the expert fisherman?

The pair moved down the pier, the woman in the lead. The chauffeur took from the car a rod case, a shining and impressive tackle box, a cork sun helmet, a large paper-wrapped parcel, and a thermos bottle. Loaded with these, he fell in at the rear of the parade.

Ziba Ryder rose in the stern-sheets of the Good Day. "Mornin'," he hailed cheerfully.

Mrs. Cutter—he took it for granted that she was Mrs. Cutter—adjusted her eyeglasses and

subjected him and the Good Day to a careful scrutiny.

"Are you the man who is to take my husband fishing?"

"Why, yes'm, I'm the man."

"Humph! Is this the boat? It is very small. Do you think it is large enough, Henry?"

The little man beside her had been, with the chauffeur's assistance, donning and adjusting the sun helmet.

"Yes? What is it, my dear?" he stammered. "Large enough? Oh, yes—yes. I'm sure it must be, or the man wouldn't use it. It is

a—regular boat—isn't it—er—Captain?"

Ziba nodded. "Yes, sir-ee!" he replied. "No better in the river."

"Well, I suppose I must take your word for it," Mrs. Cutter sighed. "One thing more: Are you a sober man?"

"Sober?"

"Yes, certainly. Mr. Cutter and I are strongly opposed to alcohol in any form. You haven't liquor on this boat now?"

"No; no, ma'am."

"You will see that Mr. Cutter catches a tarpon—a very large tarpon?"

"I'll do my best. If he don't it'll be because they ain't around."

"Nonsense. Why shouldn't they be around?"

Mr. Cutter ventured to put in a word. "He probably means, my dear," he explained, "that they may not bite. Fish don't always bite, you know."

"Pooh! You must make them bite. They bite for other people. That Hendricks woman's husband caught the one they have in their trophy-room—or she says he did—and I shan't be satisfied until we have one as big, or bigger than theirs. Peters," turning to the chauffeur, "you may put those things in the boat. The large box there has your luncheon in it, Henry."

Rod, tackle box, package, vacuum bottle, and Mr. Cutter were carefully handed by the chauffeur to Ziba, who deposited them in the boat. The mooring lines

were cast off and the ebbing tide moved the Good Day away from the pier. Cap'n Zibe lifted the lid of the engine box and stooped to the starting lever.

"Good-by," called Mrs. Cutter. "I shall be here with the car promptly at five, so don't keep me waiting. And, Henry, don't you dare come back without a tarpon, a big tarpon. Emma Hendricks knows you have gone and I've told her what a wonderful fisherman you are—or have told me you are—so don't make me look ridiculous."

Palmetto river, for the first four or five miles above its exit into Sante Gabriel Bay, is a wide stream, with dozens of small islands scattered about it and dividing its channels. The channels are well marked and buoyed, and Cap'n Ziba had traversed most of them when he and Gus Rockford were out together on their fruitless prospecting expeditions for tarpon. He was not fearful of running aground as long as he kept to familiar waters. The Good Day rounded the point of the nearest island and stood out into the broad stretch of water beyond.

"Might as well rig up, I guess, hadn't you, Mr. Cutter?" suggested Ziba.

Mr. Cutter started. "Eh?" he exclaimed. "Did—did you speak? I—I beg your pardon. I was thinking, I guess. I was thinking what a relief—I mean how pleasant it is out here. So peaceful."

"Yes—yes. Hope it won't stay too peaceful, that's all. A good, lively tarpon on the end of that line of yours would kind of stir things up the right way, eh? I was just sayin' seems to me you might's well rig up your tackle."

"My—my tackle? Did you say I must rig it up?"

"Why, yes. Fix up your pole and reel. You can start fishin' soon's you've a mind to now."

The heavy rod, in the canvas case, lay on the deck beside the passenger's chair. Mr. Cutter removed it from the case and carefully—almost fearfully, so it seemed to Ziba—fitted the two sections together.

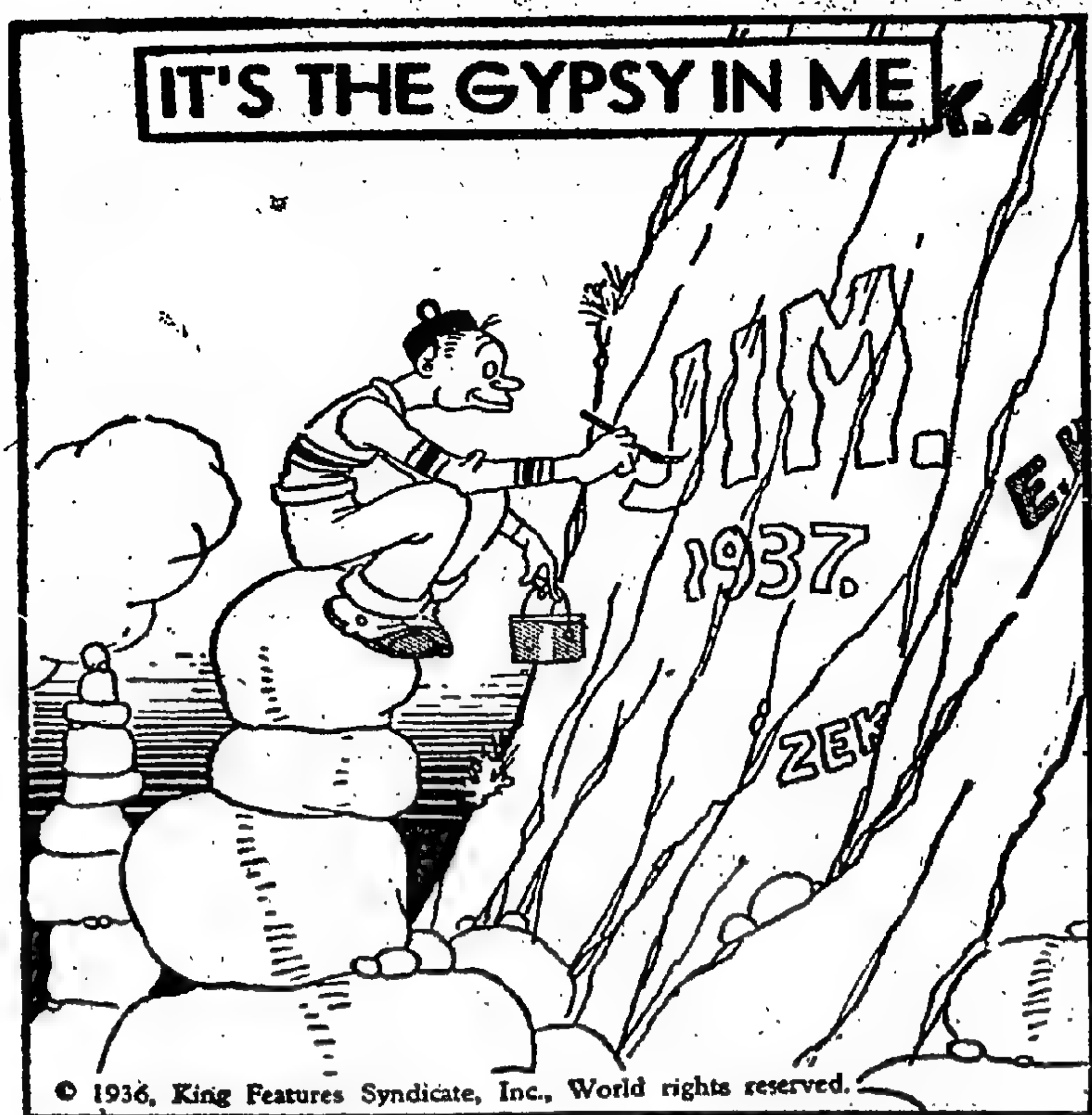
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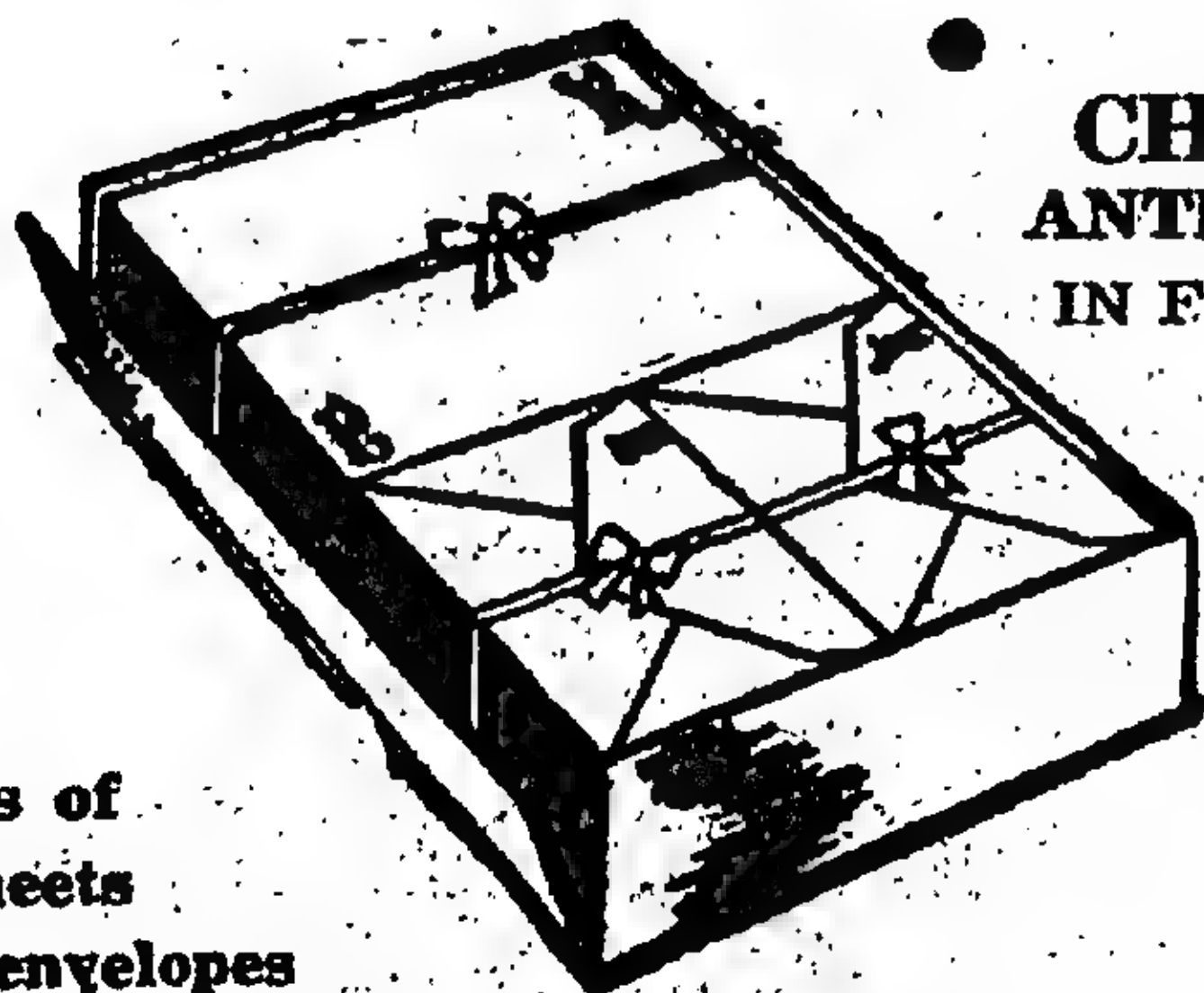
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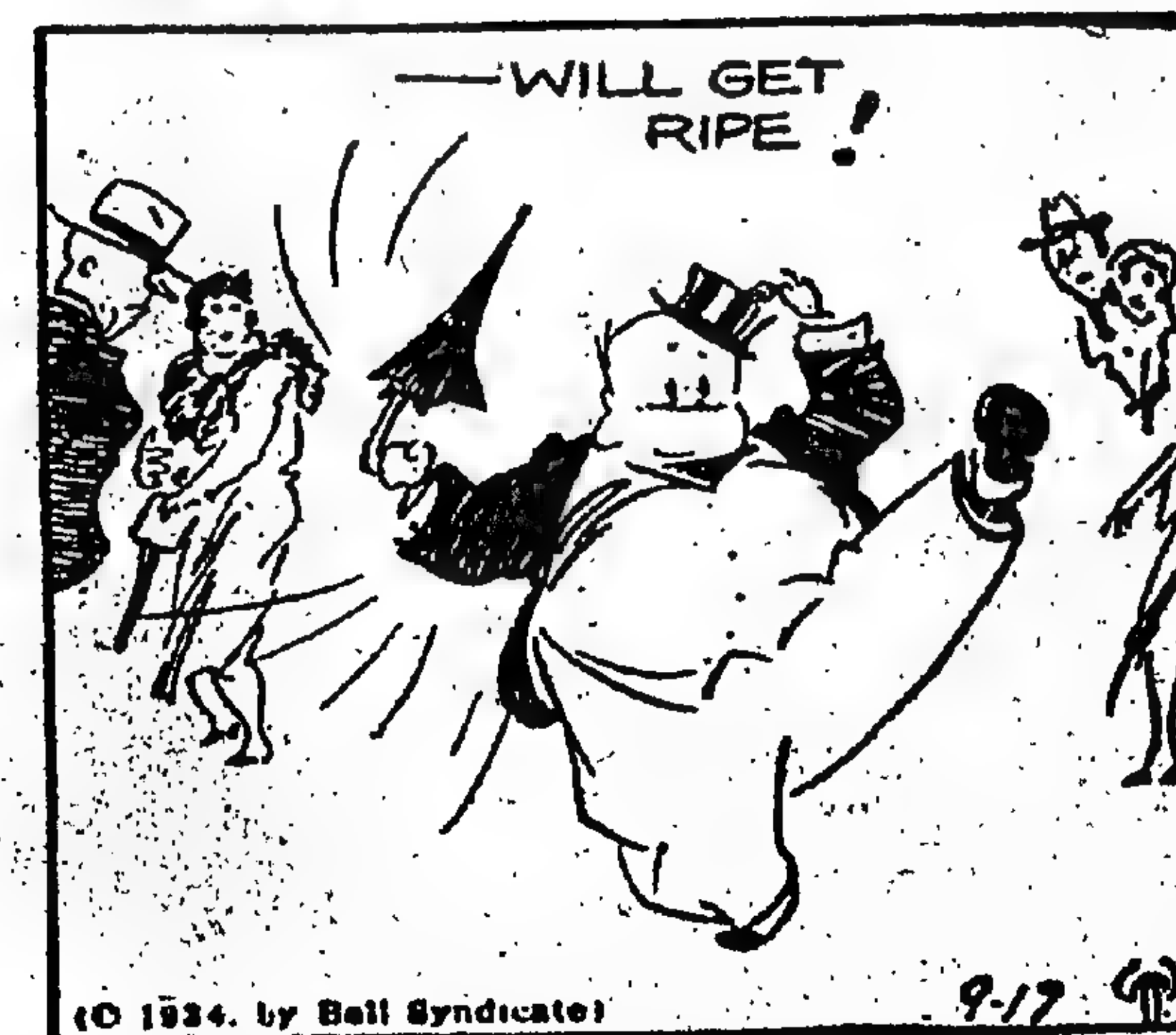
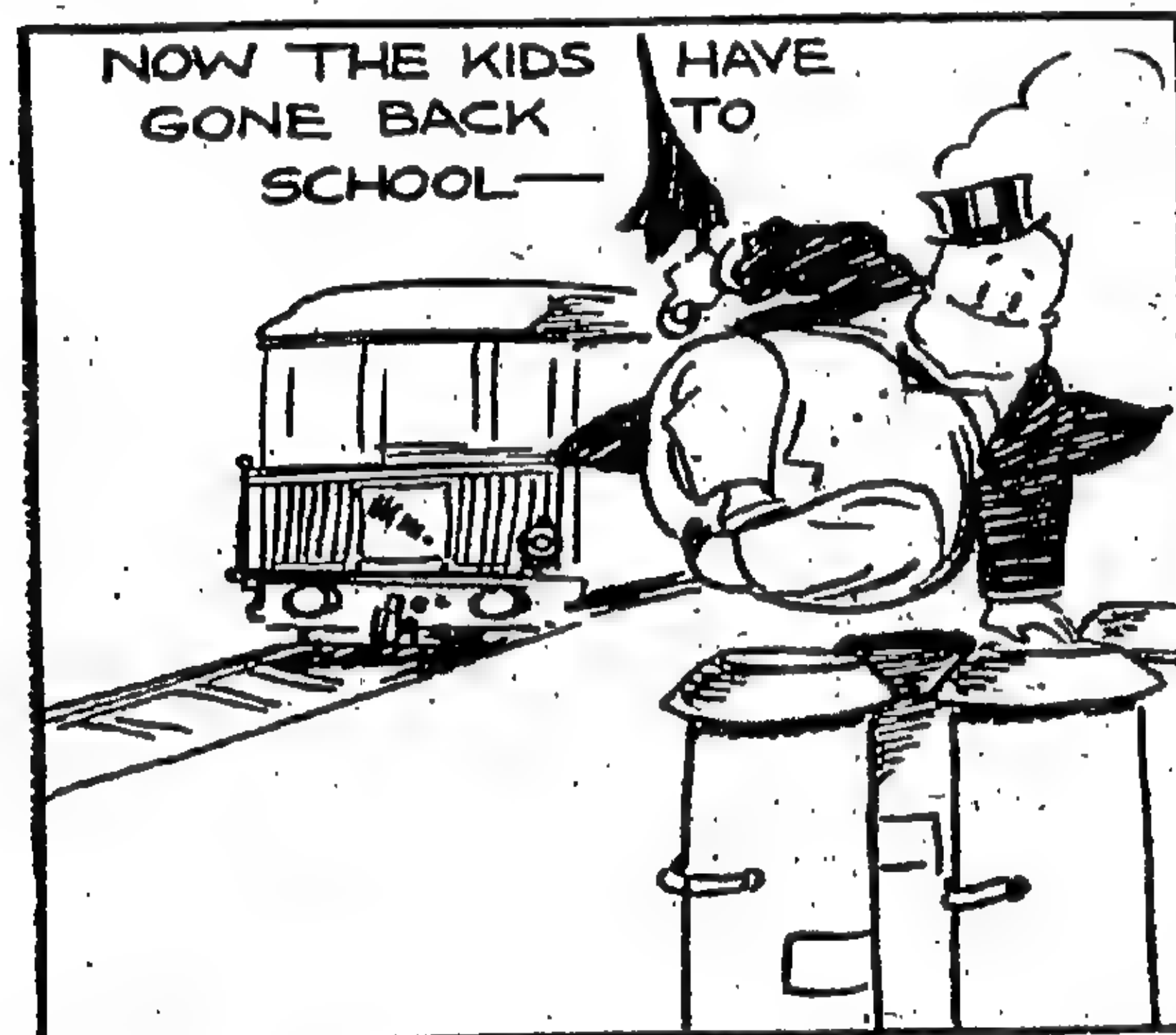
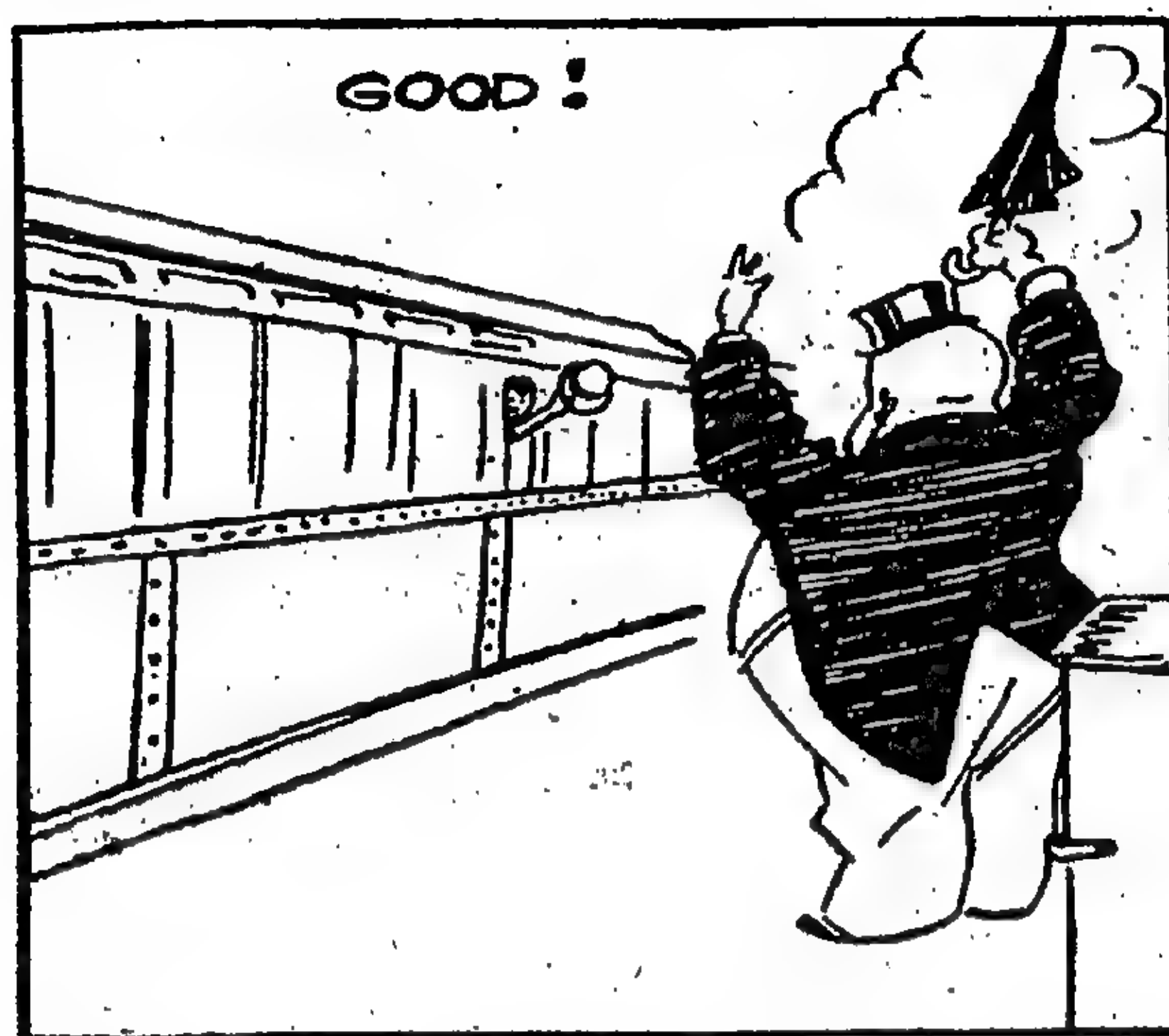
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"I'll rig up for you if you'd like to have me." My, my! That's as fine a pole as ever I see. Ain't had it very long, have you, Mr. Cutter?"

"No-o. No. In fact—well, it was a present from Mrs. Cutter. It cost," his voice dropped reverently, "it cost fifty-four dollars and thirty-five cents."

"Whew! Fifty-four—for just this one?"

"Yes. It's the best made."

It should be at that price, Cap'n Ziba reflected. He did not say so, however. "Now, if you'll give me the reel," he suggested.

Mr. Cutter shifted in the chair, reached toward his hip pocket and produced a leather key case attached to a chain; the other end of the chain was, apparently, attached to his person somewhere. Holding the case as close to his eyeglasses as the chain would permit he selected a key and with it unlocked the glistening tackle box.

"Safe bind, safe find," he chirped cheerfully. "That was a business motto of mine for many years, Captain—er—"

"Ryder. Let's see, what is your business, Mr. Cutter?"

"I am—well, I gave up active work a year ago. Before that I was in the banking business. Entered it as a boy and grew up with it, so to speak."

"Bankin', eh?" repeated Ziba. "Pretty responsible job bankin' must be."

He set the drag on the big reel, following Rockford's instructions as to its resistance. He let out line—about a hundred feet, that was what Gus had told him. Then he handed the rod to his passenger. "The socket's in the front of the chair you're settin' in. . . . No, no; down there, I mean. . . . That's right. Now we'll see what happens."

But nothing happened. The Good Day slowed down to trolling speed, traversed the winding channels of Palmetto River for miles. The forenoon passed, and still the red-headed plug danced and darted unmolested at the end of the line.

Well, Ziba had expected just this sort of luck. He was sorry, but he was not greatly disappointed. Mr. Cutter, however, was obviously growing uneasy. During the first hour and a half he had not moved. At first Cap'n Ziba had attempted conversation, but his passenger's replies were curt and absently given, so he, too, lapsed into silence. Once he ventured a suggestion: "I would not take aolt of that line with my fingers," he said. "If a big fish should grab, you might get 'em pinched."

"Eh? Oh!" The position of the fingers was changed with celerity. "Do you usually wait as long as this before getting a—a bite?"

"Well, that's accordin'. There ought to be tarpon here this time of year, plenty of 'em. Maybe they'll come along by and by."

"Oh, dear! Why, they must. You must see that I get at least one large tarpon before we go home. That is what I—my wife, I mean—engaged you for."

He was agitated. Apparently the catching of that tarpon was a matter, if not of life and death, at least of tremendous importance.

They went ashore for luncheon

at half past twelve. The lunch packages were brought ashore, also the vacuum bottles. Mrs. Rockford had put up a lunch for Cap'n Ziba, and he had two vacuum bottles with him. One contained coffee, the other Gus had handed him that morning when he dropped in for a farewell chat.

"It's going to be doggone hot out on that river to-day," said Gus. "I've had the old lady fix up a little something cool to keep the sun out. May help you to forget how bad the fishing is."

Ziba had paid little attention to this remark. He was in a hurry and he accepted the vacuum bottle and the lunch with a brief nod of thanks. Now, as he watched Mr. Cutter filling a paper cup from the hotel vacuum bottle and gazing with disgust at the steam rising from the contents, he remembered.

"Pretty hot day for bilin'-hot coffee, that's a fact," he observed.

Mr. Cutter agreed. "Dear me!" he complained. "I particularly told that headwaiter that I wanted the coffee iced."

"Sho!" Ziba said. "My coffee's hot, too, but I don't mind; like it that way. Why, say, though—here! There's somethin' cold in this other jigger; anyhow the fellow that fixed it for me said there was. Try that, Mr. Cutter. Lemonade or orange juice, probably."

Mr. Cutter was very grateful. "Sure you don't mind, Captain?" he protested.

He filled a fresh cup from the Rockford vacuum bottle. He looked, smelled, and tasted. "Oh, that is good," he declared. "Very good. You were right, Captain, it's some sort of fruit juice."

He drained the cup and poured another. Cap'n Ziba, to whom hot coffee in any temperature was always welcome, drank a cup of the steaming beverage and took a bite of a sandwich. They ate in silence for a few moments and then Mr. Cutter, who had said very little on his own initiative during the forenoon, began to talk—and continued to talk.

He began by commenting on the Florida climate. People, he said, called it the finest winter climate in the world. Pooh! Nonsense! A man shouldn't be afraid of a little cold, should he? For thirty-four years of his fifty-one he had gone back and forth to his place of business and never—except in rare cases of illness—missed being on hand.

"Old Faithful," that's what they called me at the Third National Bank of my city. The Third National is a very fine bank. I was proud of my bank, Captain—er—"

"Ryder—Ziba G. Ryder. 'Twas your bank then? You owned it?"

No-o—no; Mr. Cutter hadn't owned it exactly, but—ahem!

He paused to eat a boiled egg and to drink another cupful of the Rockford fruit juice. Either the egg or the fruit juice seemed to make him even more loquacious. Ziba realised that he was hearing the story of his passenger's life. It seemed that Mr. Cutter had entered the employ of the Third National as an errand boy and had risen until he was in charge of the safe deposit department in the bank's basement. "A very, very responsible position, Captain Walker."

"Ryder; but never mind."

"Yes—er—very responsible. Many of the finest and wealthiest people in the city came there almost every day." Then he added solemnly, "I met my wife there, Captain."

Ziba said he wanted to know. Mr. Cutter nodded. "Yes, sir," he repeated. "I met her there for the first time. She was a valuable customer of the bank. Her husband—her former husband—was in the leather business. You've seen my wife."

"Yes, indeed."

"Fine figure of a woman. Magnificent. She was a widow and I was a bachelor. She is—ahem—a few years older than I am. Dear me, why am I so thirsty?" He paused and sipped more of the fruit juice. He said it was very cooling, but his face was decidedly flushed.

A sudden and horrifying thought flashed to Ziba Ryder's mind. He reached for the vacuum bottle containing what was left of the "fruit juice." Mr. Cutter's hand was holding it firmly, however, and Mr. Cutter continued to talk.

He was speaking of his wife, the fine figure of a woman. She, it seemed, was accustomed to visit the safe deposit vaults of the Third National Bank. Mr. Cutter waited upon her, of course. They became very friendly.

"In short," concluded Mr. Cutter, after making it very long indeed, "she married me—I mean I married her. Now," clinching the statement rather unnecessarily, "we are both married—to each other."

Cap'n Ziba observed that that was very nice. Mr. Cutter might have been expected to concur with this sentiment; but, surprisingly, it appeared to irritate him.

"Who said so?" he demanded belligerently. "Who said 'twas nice?"

"Why—why, I understood—"

"Look here! You look here, Cap'n—er—What's-name, I'm going to tell you something. Man says it's rice is a fool. When I was bachelor I did what I wanted to. Lived where I wanted, didn't I? Now what? Got to live in Florida in winter. Got to have better place than those Hendrickses. Did I want bigger house'n they have? Not a bit I didn't. Just cause they've got a big stuffed tarpon we've got to have bigger one. Is she going catch it? No," violently, "I got to catch it. She says to me, 'Henry, if you was a real man, like George Hendricks, you'd catch me a big tarpon.' How'd you like to have that said to you, Captain—er—So-and-so?"

Ziba diplomatically agreed that he wouldn't like it at all.

"Bet your life you wouldn't! Neither did I. I stood up in my boots. I turned right on her, that's what I did, and I said, 'Huh! I've caught more fish in my life than George Hendricks ever saw.' And she says, 'Oh, really! Why didn't you tell me before, Henry? That's splendid!' Went and told the Hendricks woman that I was an expert fisherman and about the big tarpon I was going to catch right away. Sent up to New York and bought that rod 'n' that reel and—everything. And," almost tearfully, "now look at me!"

Cap'n Ziba tried to think of a comforting word.

"Well," he suggested, "maybe we will catch one. 'Twas so what you told her? You have caught a lot of fish?"

Mr. Cutter gazed at him through his eyeglasses. "Course I've caught fish," he snapped. "When I was a boy I caught twenty-eight fish in one afternoon. Perch is a fish, isn't it? Didn't lie, did I? Yes," with a sudden burst of defiance, "and tarpon's a fish, too. All right; I'll catch tarpon. I'll show her!"

He rose, rather uncertainly, to his feet. "Come on!" he ordered loudly. "Come on and go fishing. I'll show her!"

Ziba saw him safely planted in the chair in the cockpit. Then he returned to collect the remnants of the lunch and the vacuum bottle. A little, a very little, of the "fruit juice" remained in the Rockford bottle. He tasted it. His worst fears were realised. This was Gus's little joke. For, although perhaps two thirds of the compound in the Rockford vacuum bottle was orange juice, the other third was, unmistakably, corn whisky. And Mr. Henry Cutter had imbibed almost a pint.

Ziba groaned as the realisation came to him. Mrs. Henry Cutter had particularly wished to be assured that there was no liquor aboard the Good Day and he, Ziba, had, in his ignorance, given her that assurance. At five o'clock sharp he must deliver his passenger at the pier, where she would be awaiting him. It was one o'clock now.

Well, conditions might be better at five o'clock; at all events they could not be worse. Ziba emptied the remainder of the "fruit juice" into the river and started the engine.

Mr. Cutter, in his chair at the stern, for some minutes maintained a dignified silence. Then he issued a command. "Where's my rod?" he demanded. "Give me my rod. I'm going to catch tarpon."

Ziba gave him the rod. Then he placed the butt carefully in his passenger's hands.

"Better be sure she's tight in that socket," he cautioned.

This well-intended advice was disdainfully received. "Who's doing this fishing?" demanded Mr. Cutter.

Up the river, up until the channels they traversed were becoming unfamiliar to Ziba and he dared go no farther. Then down again, in and out among the islands. Cap'n Ziba glanced anxiously at his watch. After three o'clock; less than two hours more.

Mr. Cutter was now very quiet. He was sitting there, the line trailing astern, the rod resting in his lap, his hands clasped lightly about the butt. Ziba, leaning forward, noticed that he had, apparently reeled in all but about fifty feet of the line. He was about to mention this fact when a gentle snore broke the silence. Mr. Cutter was asleep.

The Good Day moved out into the lower river. Ziba lapsed into gloomy meditation.

Whir-r-r! Whiz-z!

"Eh? What!"

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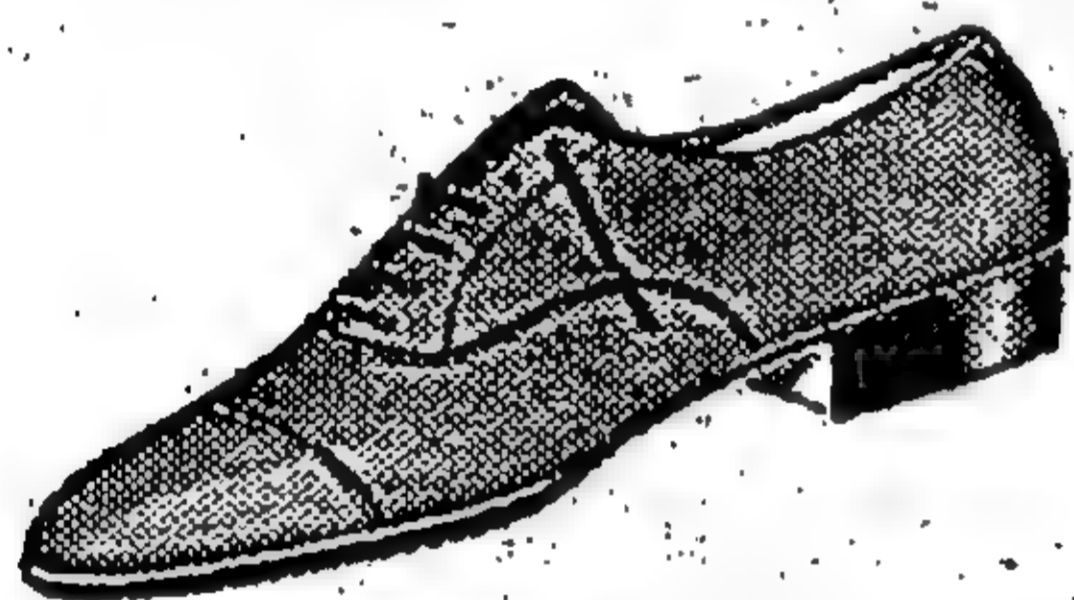
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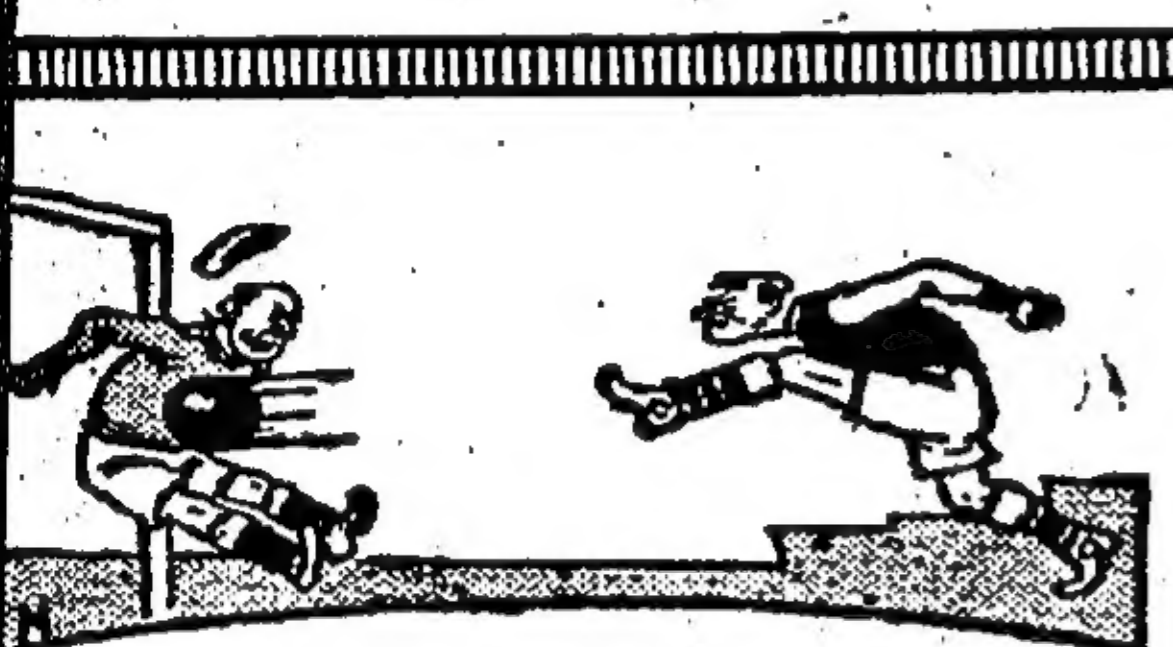
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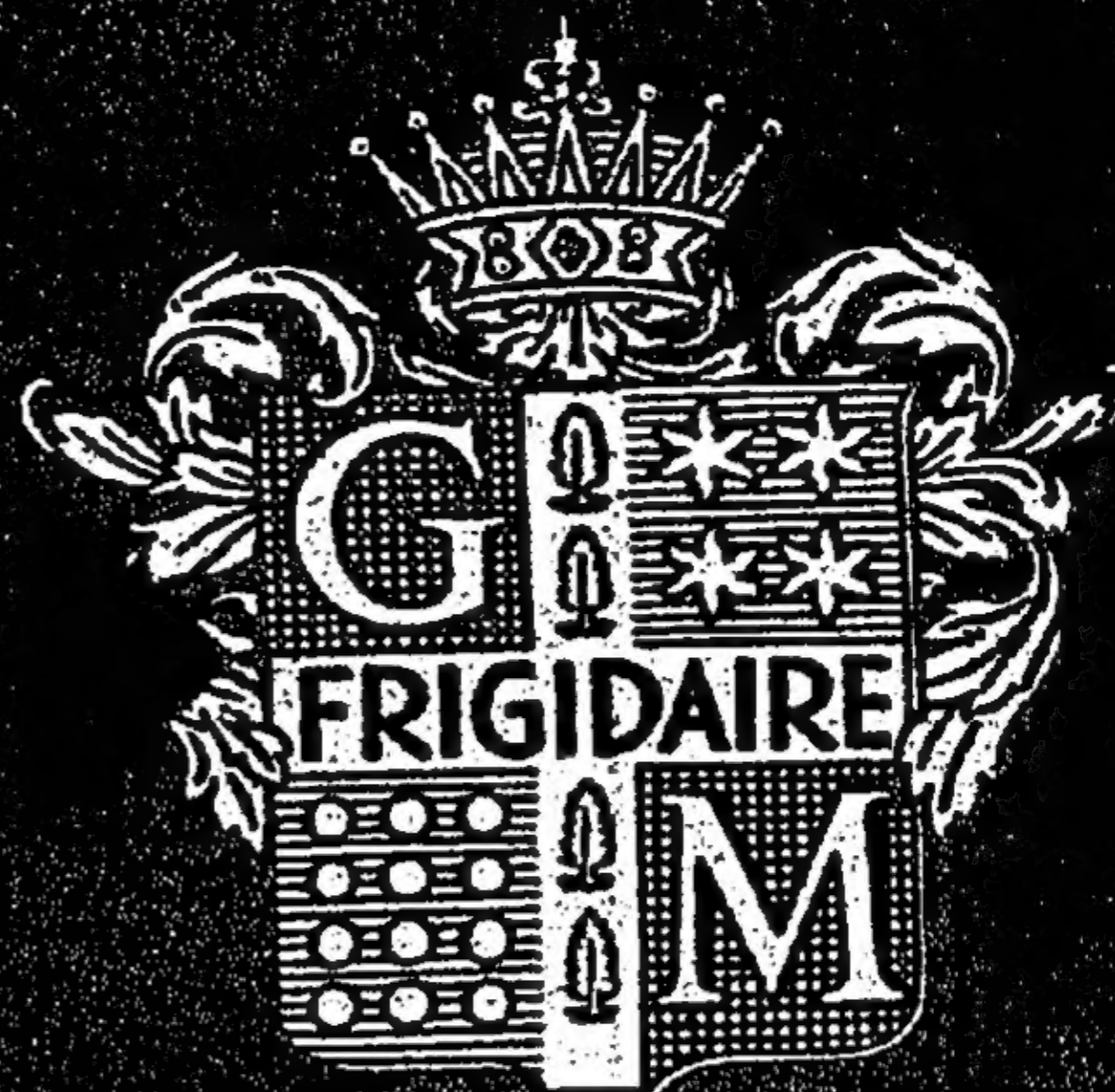
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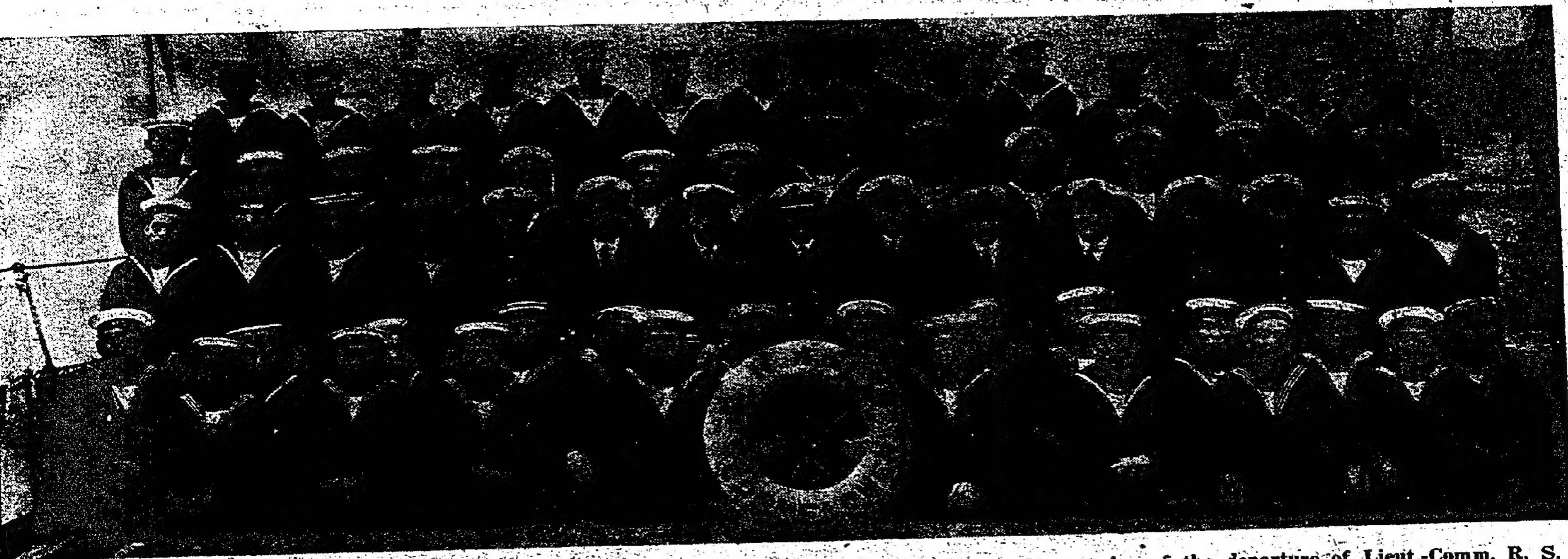
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Taken at the farewell to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, this picture shows (left to right), Lt. P. J. Howarth, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, the Commodore, Rear-Admiral C. G. Sedgwick, Wing-Commodore W. A. K. Dalzell, R.A.F., His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and the Officer Administering Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

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... who the very timid young man was who asked his taipan: "Please, Sir, I'd like to have next week off if it is convenient." "Oh, you would, would you?" said the taipan. "May I ask what for?" "Well, my young lady is going on her honeymoon and I'd like to go with her."

... who the rather acid gentleman is who upon meeting a friend said:

"Hullo! How are you getting along?"

"Not so badly," said the other, "keeping alive."

The first man eyed the other for a moment, then, as he turned away, he asked casually:

"What is your motive?"

... who that "life of the party" was who for two hours had been a complete pest. His imitations were terrible, ranging from George Arliss to a humming bird. In the far

corner had been sitting the man with the screwed-up face.

"What would you like to see me imitate now?" asked the bore.

The man moved. He spoke.

"How about a wart hog that's seen its shadow?"

... who the local dandy is who is in his early fifties, but who is still considered a handsome man. He is tall, and broad, and takes a great pride in his appearance.

His clothes are always of the best. His finger nails are always neatly groomed. He shaves twice a day, and his barber trims his hair every fifth afternoon. That is to say, the barber trims what is left of his hair.

For, sad to relate, his lack of hair is the only thing that keeps him from being the most handsome man in town. He grew prematurely bald many years ago. To-day all that remain atop his scalp are six lonely hairs.

He pampered these hairs like a mother fusses about her precious babies. Three times each day he combed the six hairs very vigorously. He had



Miss Eileen Lee, the well-known Hong Kong Chinese film star, with the silver trophy presented her for her acting in the film "The Waitress."

his barber massage his scalp regularly so that the hairs had plenty of life and vigour.

One bright morning, then, he stepped out of his bed with a smile on his face. He was feeling happy. He sang merrily as he stepped under the cold shower. He put on his underclothes and then stepped up to the mirror.

Suddenly, his face blanched as he eyed his reflection. He tottered, and had to grab a chair for support. For there in the mirror he had noticed that one of his six hairs had mysteriously dropped out while he was sleeping!

He began to sob brokenly.

"My God," he blubbered, "I'm growing bald!"

... who the two young and gay lads were who were driving the other day around the island. One said to the owner of the car:

"The horn on your car must be broken."

"No; it is just indifferent," replied the other.

"Indifferent? What do you mean?"

"It just doesn't give a hoot."

... who the timid young man was who said to the girl friend: "I haven't the cheek to kiss you."

"Use mine," was the laconic reply.

... who the local physician was who told his patient:

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ed. The next instant from the eddying circles a huge, silver-sided creature, flashing in the sunlight like a mammoth sword blade tossed by a giant, leaped high in the air, curved, fell, and disappeared in a cataract of spray. The reel screamed, as, in spite of the resistance of the drag, the line was dragged from it.

Mrs. Cutter had commanded her husband to hook a big tarpon. The order had been obeyed.

Ziba Ryder came out of his meditation. With a yell he sprang to his feet, but not so quickly as Mr. Cutter sprang to his. The little man went up in the air as if an infernal machine had exploded beneath him. He screamed, shrieked. And then, to his skipper's utter amazement, he flung the rod from him as if it were red-hot.

"Wha-wha-what?" screamed Mr. Cutter. "Oh! Oh! What—?"

Cap'n Ziba's answer was a roar. "You've got one!" he bellowed. "What you doin' with that pole? Pick it up!"

The butt of the rod had, by a lucky chance, caught and wedged beneath the projecting stern thwart of the launch, otherwise it would have gone overboard. The heavy tip bent like a hoop. The reel screamed.

"Pick it up!" howled the frantic Ziba. "Grab it! Do you want to lose him? Grab it, I tell you!"

But Mr. Cutter made no move to grab it. Instead, he wrung his hands and lifted his voice in agony. "My fingers!" he wailed. "My fingers! I—I think they're cut off!"

Back of the Good Day, but more than a hundred feet farther back this time, the water again broke into foam. Once more the great tarpon leaped, curved, and fell. Ziba forgot that this little jumping jack, hopping about and waving bleeding fingers, was the person who had engaged his services for the day. He forgot diplomacy, tact, politeness, everything—except that on the hook at the end of that jerking, straining line was a fish, a big fish, a whale of a fish.

He left the wheel and scrambled headlong aft. He seized the butt of the jammed rod, jerked it loose, and held it in a desperate clutch. "Now," he vowed between his teeth. "Now we'll see who's boss!"

He had never caught a fish with a rod and reel in all his life, but he had seen them so caught. He "ground" vigorously. The reel handle turned, but the line continued to go out instead of coming in. The tarpon leaped again. Ziba reeled desperately, but to no avail. He lost patience. "By the Lord Harry!" he snarled. "If I can't grind you in I'll haul you, man-fashion."

He thrust the rod butt between his knees and seized the line with both hands. "Now I cal'late you'll come aboard," he soliloquized. "Ow! Je-rusalem!" The palms of his hands and the inside of his fingers were cut to the bone. He let go of the line and gingerly grasped the rod once more.

Again the tarpon leaped, this time farther from the boat than

ever. Ziba, grinding frantically but to no purpose, became aware that behind him someone was speaking, groaning, pleading. "Captain, Captain," quavered Mr. Cutter. "The boat! The boat! Where are we going? Don't you see—?"

"Eh?" Ziba turned to look. "What!" he gasped. "Good gosh!"

Had Gus Rockford been in charge of that boat he would have thrown the engine out of gear the moment the fish struck, but he had neglected to inform Cap'n Ziba that this was the proper procedure. Left to herself, the Good Day, with no one at the wheel and under the urge of the breeze on her quarter, had veered from her course down the middle of the river and was now heading directly toward the shore.

Ziba plunged forward almost as fast as he had plunged aft. Not quite so fast, for he was still clinging to the rod. He reached for the wheel with one hand and whirled it over. The Good Day's nose swung away from the shore. The line, which had momentarily slackened, now drew tight again and the rod was jerked almost free. But Ziba had no intention of letting it go free. Steadying the wheel with his knees and regardless of the pain in his mutilated hands, he clung to it.

And Cap'n Ziba had an idea. "Here!" he ordered, addressing his passenger. "Here! I tell you what you do. You set in front of that wheel. Take hold of them spokes and don't let the wheel turn half an inch. She'll run all right that way."

"But—but, Cap'n, I—I can't. I've never steered a boat in my life. And I—I couldn't take hold of anything, my hands are—so sore."

"Eh? Your hands? I ain't got any hands. All I've got is a hot cockstove at the end of each arm. . . . You grab that wheel and let me handle this damn fish."

"But you—you can't handle him. Nobody could. He is—he is as big as this boat. Oh, let him go! We—we shall be drowned."

"Let him go nothin'! I'd handle the critter if he was big as a schooner. No fish is goin' to lick me. . . . What you settin' there for? Grab them spokes! If you don't I'll—I'll kick you overboard. Then you will drown."

Mr. Cutter grabbed the spokes. He winced as his sore fingers touched them, but he held on. The effects of the "fruit juice" had been scared out of him by the unexpected arrival of the tarpon.

Ziba, back in the stern sheets of the Good Day, was learning his lesson. When the tarpon wanted to run there was nothing to do but let him run. When he stopped running and the line slackened, then was the time to grind at the reel, for the line came in then. True, it went out again as soon as the fish started away, but that could not last forever.

"I'm gettin' on to this fool crank and pole fishin'," he soliloquized. "It's just a case of seein' who plays out first, him or me. All right, old boy, I warn you I'm pretty tough."

Ten minutes passed, fifteen, twenty—and still the battle raged. Ziba's arms ached, his cut

hands were like fireballs, and the perspiration streamed down his face. But now—now the tension was a trifle easier. The fish leaped no more, but he was out there—Ziba could see his broad back—rolling on the surface.

Ten more minutes and the end came. Ziba, the butt of the rod tucked beneath his arm and the big gaff hook, attached to its chain, in his right hand, leaned over the rail and carefully slid the point of the hook beneath the spreading gills. A quick tug, one more tremendous splash, and the war was over. Cap'n Ziba Ryder thrust a rope through the gills, made the end fast to a cleat, leaned over the rail, and gloated.

A voice, shaking with excitement, was heard at his elbow. "Oh! Oh! Oh!" squealed little Mr. Henry Cutter. "Look at him! Why, he is bigger than Hendricks's—ever so much bigger! I wouldn't have believed it. Captain, are you sure he can't get away?"

"Get away, with that rope through him? What—? Eh?" as the thought suddenly flashed to his mind. "Eh? What are you doin' aft here?"

He dived headlong for the wheel. Too late. The next instant there was a soft scraping beneath the Good Day's bow. The launch slid, careened slightly, and stopped.

Mr. Cutter, in the wild excitement attendant upon the landing of the great tarpon, had forgotten his duties as helmsman, had left the wheel, the Good Day's nose had swung shoreward, and now here they were, hard and fast aground on a mud bank.

Hours later, half past six by the Ryder watch, the Good Day, with its substitute skipper and its passenger, was moving toward the little pier. Cap'n Ziba sat by the wheel, Mr. Cutter sat in the chair, the big tarpon towed easily alongside. Not a word had been spoken for at least forty minutes. Prior to that many had been spoken, Ziba being the speaker.

Ziba was a picturesque ruin. He had spent an hour and a half wading about in the mud and water, shoving, lifting, heaving, doing his best to get the launch off that bar and afloat. His wounded hands were wrapped in improvised bandages.

But he was empty of conversation. He had said all there was to say. During the period while he was overboard, wrestling with the Good Day's bow, he had expressed his opinion of Mr. Cutter fully, copiously, and without reserve. And Mr. Cutter had listened in silence.

And now Mr. Cutter, for the twentieth time, looked at his watch and groaned. "Oh, dear!" he muttered.

Ziba grunted. "What ails you now?"

"I was thinking of my wife. She has been waiting since five."

"Humph! Whose fault was it?"

Another pause and then another long sigh. "Well," observed Mr. Cutter, "we can show her our big tarpon, anyway."

"Our tarpon, huh! All right, I'll tell her you caught it, Mr. Expert. You and the fruit juice together."

"Perhaps," he faltered, "you

had better not mention the tarpon, Captain. Of course, I realize that it is all yours."

"Um-hm, so I was cl'latin.' Of course, 'twas on your pole, but bein' as you started to chuck the whole rig overboard I judged you was tired of it. 'Twa'n't mine, so perhaps I'd ought to have let it go. I'll be glad to explain to your wife about that."

"Oh, no," hastily. "No, I wouldn't do that. We won't mention that tarpon at all, Captain. You keep it."

"Thanks," dryly. "Just as you say."

The Good Day moved on, in the gathering dusk, toward the little pier. Mr. Cutter's gaze was fixed upon it, as a condemned man's upon the scaffold where he is to hang. Cap'n Ziba regarded him. He was a pitiable spectacle, that was a fact. Hands wound with a bloodstained handkerchief, narrow shoulders stooped, his face the picture of misery and dread. Poor little shrimp! He and his bluff about being an expert fisherman! That wife of his certainly had him buffaloed. Well, that was what a feller got by marrying for just money.

The Good Day was hailed before it drew alongside the pier. "Henry!" called Mrs. Cutter. "Henry, is that you—at last?"

"Yes—yes, my dear. I'm late, but—"

"Late! Good heavens and earth! Do you realize what time it is? I have been frightened almost out of my senses."

Mr. Cutter climbed stiffly up the steps. "I am very sorry, Caroline," he sighed.

"Sorry! I should think you might be. Really, I—I—What in the world is that dirty rag on your hand?"

Mr. Cutter looked down at the handkerchief. "Why—why—" he stammered.

Ziba Ryder came to his rescue. "His hands are sore ma'am," he explained. "When you see the tarpon he caught you'll understand why. Look here."

He stepped to the landing stage at the foot of the steps and, stooping, dragged the mammoth tarpon from the water.

Mrs. Cutter bent, looked, and gasped. "Oh!" she cried. "Oh! Did my husband catch that—that enormous creature?"

Mr. Cutter's mouth opened—and closed. He looked at the fish, then at his wife, and then, finally, at Ziba Ryder.

And Ziba nodded. "Yes'm," he lied cheerfully. "Caught it with the pole and reel he told me you gave him. Can't land a fish like that in a couple of minutes; even if you be an expert like your husband. Don't wonder now that we was late, do you, ma'am?"

Mrs. Cutter did not reply. She was still staring at the tarpon, and over her rubicund countenance was spreading a glow like a summer sunrise. "Oh!" she sighed. "O-oh! Why, it is ever and ever so much bigger than that one of the Hendrickses' . . . Henry, darling, you are—why, you're wonderful!"

She wrapped her husband in a close embrace. From above one of her plump arms the upper part of his face showed. His eyes were fixed upon the grinning countenance of Ziba Ryder, and in them was an expression of deep, doglike gratitude.